



Subject Complements

*Grammar for Writing
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11th Grade

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Homework Review

- Any questions on the homework?
 - p. 29, Section A, #7-8, 10
 - p. 30, Section A (all exercises)

Warm-Up: Review

On a separate sheet of paper, please copy the following sentences. For each sentence, label both the direct object (DO) and the object complement (OC).

1. The junior class made Tim treasurer.
2. I find him intelligent.
3. We painted the ceiling blue.
4. Dorothy named her parakeet Onan.

Answers

1. The junior class made Tim treasurer.
DO OC
2. I find him intelligent.
DO OC
3. We painted the ceiling blue.
DO OC
4. Dorothy named her parakeet Onan.
DO OC

Why Grammar?

- 11th Grade Content standards:
 - Written and Oral English Language Conventions: *Grammar and Mechanics of Writing*
 - 1.1 Demonstrate control of grammar, diction, and paragraph and sentence structure and an understanding of English usage.
 - 1.2 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct punctuation and capitalization.
- CSTs
 - 12% of the English Language Arts test measures your knowledge of the Written and Oral English Language Convention standards
- MACHS-SJS-FPA School Performance
 - 0% of FPA 9th-graders scored Advanced in the area of grammar on the Periodic Assessments; 3% scored Proficient
 - 2% of FPA 10th-graders scored Advanced in the area of grammar on the Periodic Assessments; 10% scored Proficient

Why Grammar?

A clever dog
knows **its** master.

A clever dog
knows **it's** master.

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Lesson Objective

- Students will be able to identify subject complements: predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives.

Predicate Nominatives (nouns)

Predicate nominatives are nouns or pronouns that function as subject complements.

- *The **predicate nominative** is the noun following a linking verb that re-states or stands for the subject.

Examples

The trip became a nightmare.

- “Trip” = subject
- “Became” = linking verb
- “Nightmare” = predicate nominative (PN); notice that it is a noun that describes the subject (trip).

Ms. Brown became a teacher.

- “Teacher” = PN; notice that it is a noun that describes the subject.

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Predicate Adjectives

Predicate adjectives are adjectives that function as subject complements.

- *The **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and modifies (gives more information about) the subject of the sentence.

Examples

The snow was heavy.

- “Snow” = subject
- “Was” = linking verb
- “Heavy” = predicate adjective (PA); notice that it is an adjective that describes the subject (snow).

Ms. Brown became tired.

- “Tired” = PA; notice that it is an adjective that describes the subject

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Practice

With your table partners, you may work on the following exercises.

- p. 29, Section A, #2, 4, 5, 9,
- p. 29, Section B, #1-2

- Remember:
 - The **predicate nominative** is the noun following a linking verb that re-states or stands for the subject.
 - The **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and modifies (gives more information about) the subject of the sentence.

Homework

- **p. 29, Section B, #3-5**
- **p. 30, Section B (all exercises)**

Linking Verbs

- Linking verbs link the subject of a sentence to a word in the predicate.
- These words are always linking verbs:
 - **be** (*am, is, was, were, are being, have been, etc.*)
 - **become**
 - **seem**
- Linking verbs, but only sometimes:
 - **appear**
 - **feel**
 - **grow**
 - **look**
 - **taste**

How to Test for Linking Verbs

If you're unsure whether a verb is a linking verb, then try putting the word "is" in that word's place. If it makes logical sense, then it's a linking verb.

1. He appears tired.
 - TEST: He "is" tired.
 - This makes logical sense, so appears is a linking verb in sentence #1.
2. The man appeared and disappeared.
 - TEST: The man "is" and disappeared.
 - This doesn't make logical sense, so appeared is not a linking verb in sentence #2.

*More info here: <http://www.chompchomp.com/terms/linkingverb.htm>