

Subject Complements (Predicate Nouns and Pronouns, Predicate Adjectives) • Practice 1

Predicate Nouns and Pronouns A subject complement is a noun, pronoun, or adjective that follows a linking verb and tells something about the subject. A predicate noun or predicate pronoun follows a linking verb and renames or identifies the subject of the sentence.

PREDICATE NOUNS AND PRONOUNS	
PN	Columbus <u>is</u> a city in Ohio. (<i>City</i> renames <i>Columbus</i> .)
PPN	Our <u>representative</u> <u>will be</u> you . (<i>You</i> renames <i>representative</i> .)

Predicate Adjectives A predicate adjective follows a linking verb and describes the subject of the sentence.

PREDICATE ADJECTIVES	
PA	This <u>coffee cake</u> <u>is</u> delicious . (<i>Delicious</i> describes <i>coffee cake</i> .)

Exercise 1 Recognizing Predicate Nouns and Predicate Pronouns. In each sentence below underline the predicate noun or predicate pronoun.

EXAMPLE: Melanie should be our captain.

1. Football is my favorite sport in the fall.
2. The brightest student has never been she.
3. New Hampshire has always been a scenic state.
4. Through hard work she became a huge success.
5. John Q. Adams remained a political force all his life.
6. In my new mystery novel, the butler is the murderer.
7. Ronald Reagan became president in 1981.
8. Our old Mercury was a car with an unusually smooth ride.
9. It is she whom our class chose.
10. Mark's idea is an option to consider.

Exercise 2 Recognizing Predicate Adjectives. In each sentence below underline the predicate adjective.

EXAMPLE: I feel sad about her failure.

1. Churchill's speech was inspiring to the people of London.
2. After the conference they seemed angry at everyone.
3. These curved roads are dangerous after a snow.
4. This old milk tastes sour in my coffee.
5. Barbara is unusually tall for her age.
6. Many of the buildings in this complex are new.
7. The express train seems late tonight.
8. The President appeared nervous in his first debate.
9. Until it was washed, this sweater felt roomy.
10. Your lettering on the poster is very colorful.