

Subject Complements (Predicate Nouns and Pronouns, Predicate Adjectives) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Recognizing Predicate Nouns and Pronouns. In each of the following sentences, underline the predicate noun or predicate pronoun.

EXAMPLE: That yellow shrub is a forsythia.

1. The capital of New Jersey is Trenton.
2. Peter Taylor is a notable short-story writer.
3. At this time Sheila appears to be the front-runner.
4. According to legend Prometheus was a Titan.
5. That young woman may someday become a fine doctor.
6. Many years ago Simla was the capital of British India.
7. Carlos and Juan have remained buddies for years.
8. The last person in line is she.
9. My favorite sport has always been basketball.
10. That camera was an excellent choice.
11. The koala is a small bearlike animal of Australia.
12. Helen is Antoinette's first cousin.
13. Darla has become the best soccer player on the team.
14. Katie seems the leader of the group.
15. Raymond was always a very funny guy.

Exercise 2 Recognizing Predicate Adjectives. In each of the following sentences, underline the predicate adjective.

EXAMPLE: The sky is murky.

1. The scent of the flowers is very sweet.
2. Many of the houses are quite old.
3. I felt sad about his misfortune.
4. At night this road becomes particularly dangerous.
5. The smoke from the fire remained heavy.
6. This chemical smells stronger than any other.
7. The view from the mountaintop was breathtaking.
8. The old windmill in Aruba is very attractive.
9. The carton seems too heavy to carry.
10. He has always been honest about his shortcomings.
11. That palm tree is unusually tall.
12. Those dance steps look extremely difficult.
13. The morning dew on the grass was quite beautiful.
14. Edward's editorial seems too harsh.
15. The butterfly is amazingly colorful.