

Subject Complements (Compound Subject Complements) • Practice 2

Exercise 1

Recognizing Compound Subject Complements. In the following sentences, underline each part of each compound subject complement. If a compound subject complement is made up of predicate adjectives, draw arrows pointing from each adjective to the subject.

EXAMPLE: The icing was rich and sweet.

1. Vacations in state parks can be interesting and inexpensive.

2. My favorite poets are Emily Dickinson and Langston Hughes.

3. The old bridge seems frail and dangerous.

4. The organizers of the crafts fair were Sonia and I.

5. That imported cheese tastes moldy and much too strong.

6. This fish is either flounder or sole.

7. Are the sails strong and seaworthy?

8. Their hands became raw and frostbitten in the icy wind.

9. The soup is neither too hot nor too cold.

10. The flame first turned orange, then blue.

Writing Application

Writing Sentences with Subject Complements. Use the following subjects and verbs to write sentences of your own. Include in each sentence the type of subject complement given in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: poem was (compound predicate adjectives)
The poem was short but moving.

1. feet feel (predicate adjective)

My feet feel cold.

2. Bob and Stan will be (predicate noun)

Bob and Stan will be lifeguards.

3. captains are (compound predicate pronouns)

The captains are he and I

4. dog is (compound predicate adjectives)

The dog is mangy and dirty.

5. roast beef looks (predicate adjective)

The roast beef looks so delicious.