

Complements

(Direct Objects, Indirect Objects, Predicate Nominatives & Predicate Adjectives)

How to find Direct Objects

Find the VERB and ask yourself.... "to what is the action being done?"

- Sometimes the DIRECT OBJECT is one word, like this:

The brothers kicked the ball in the yard.

kicked is the VERB..... *What got kicked?..... ball* (DIRECT OBJECT)



- Sometimes the DIRECT OBJECT is a phrase, this is called a GERUND PHRASE.

Grace likes eating peanut butter cookies.

eating is the VERB..... *What is liked?..... eating peanut butter cookies*(D.O.)



How to Find Indirect Objects

Find the *DIRECT OBJECT* and ask yourself.... "Who or what gets the direct object?"

Let's see how this works:

Tony built his granddaughter a sandcastle on the beach.

built is the VERB.....*what got built?*.....**sandcastle**(DIRECT OBJECT).....

who did it get built for?.....**granddaughter**(INDIRECT OBJECT)



Predicate Nominative

Renames or identifies the **SUBJECT** of the sentence.
(it's another word for the subject)

For example.....

Mr. Smith will be the champion.

Mr. Smith is the SUBJECT.....**champion** is the **PREDICATE NOMINATIVE**
(it renames Mr. Smith!)



Predicate Adjective

Follows a linking verb and *tells us something about the SUBJECT.*
(it describes the subject)

For example.....

The brownies in the oven smell delicious.

smell is the LINKING VERB.....**delicious** is the **PREDICATE ADJECTIVE**
(it tells us more about the brownies!)

