

Lesson 18**Object Complements and Subject Complements**

An **object complement** is a noun, a pronoun, or an adjective that completes the meaning of a direct object by identifying or describing it.

Akira finds me a good **friend**. (noun)

Paul calls the car **his**. (pronoun)

He considered it **irrelevant**. (adjective)

► **Exercise 1** Above each object complement, write *N* for noun, *P* for pronoun, or *adj.* for adjective.

Frederick finds hockey a challenge. ^N

1. Tara considers her education an investment in her future. ^N
2. They call that land theirs. ^P
3. We elected Tim class treasurer. ^N
4. Errors make these baseball cards rare. ^{adj.}
5. Yolanda found the German class a challenge. ^N
6. Important landmarks make that city a tourist attraction. ^N
7. My little sister named her hamster Rizzo. ^N
8. A strong drive to excel makes my mother successful. ^{adj.}
9. The club appointed Andrew leader of our group project. ^N
10. Erica considers that technique hers. ^P
11. Mr. Mottice found the chemicals potentially dangerous. ^{adj.}
12. Dan considers TV a waste of time. ^N
13. The museum considered the diamonds irreplaceable. ^{adj.}
14. I consider Manuel a strong competitor. ^N
15. The director will name Terri most improved singer at the choir banquet. ^N
16. Julia considered the crafts in her display hers. ^P
17. Todd finds vegetables essential for a healthy diet. ^{adj.}

18. The Grangers now call Minnesota home. ^N
19. We found the tragic climax of the play a shock. ^N
20. The people of the village consider that way of life theirs. ^P

A **subject complement** follows a subject and a linking verb. It identifies or describes a subject. The two kinds of subject complements are predicate nominatives and predicate adjectives.

A **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and gives more information about the subject.

Montana is a **state**.

A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and gives more information about the subject.

He seemed **happy** with the results.

► **Exercise 2** Write *PN* above each predicate nominative and *PA* above each predicate adjective.

That coat seems expensive. ^{PA}

1. Suki Chen would be a good choice for cheerleader. ^{PN}
2. Uncle Paul is your father's brother. ^{PN}
3. Eric's notes are scraps of paper with unreadable writing. ^{PN}
4. The party was dull without a band. ^{PA}
5. The house looks ready for a fresh coat of paint. ^{PA}
6. Sunlight is one cause of skin cancer. ^{PN}
7. I felt lucky after the earthquake. ^{PA}
8. Neil Armstrong was the first person on the moon. ^{PN}
9. Doctors must be cautious about prescriptions. ^{PA}
10. Madelyn seems happy with her new brother. ^{PA}
11. Those boys are competitors. ^{PN}
12. Because of their unhappiness, I feel sad. ^{PA}



Unit 2 Review

► **Exercise 1** Draw a vertical line between the subject and predicate. Write *DO* above each direct object and *IO* above each indirect object.

Carol | ^{DO}wrote her paper about water pollution.

1. We | ^{DO}recycle newspapers.
2. My friend Janet | ^{DO}bought chips and soda for the party. ^{DO}
3. He | ^{IO}gave us ^{DO}coins from his collection.
4. Rex | ^{IO}served his parents ^{DO}breakfast on their anniversary.
5. Ken | ^{DO}thanked me for my help.
6. I | ^{DO}found a five-dollar bill on the ground.
7. Karen | ^{IO}told her doctor ^{DO}the truth.
8. We | ^{DO}saw the stars clearly with the new telescope.
9. Mrs. Fitzpatrick | ^{IO}wrote her representative ^{DO}a letter about toxic waste.
10. We | ^{DO}eat Mexican food once a week.
11. Vince | ^{IO}bought his dad ^{DO}a new wallet.
12. Uncle Ellis | ^{DO}often makes pudding for dessert.
13. My little brother | ^{DO}brought a goldfish home from the fair.
14. Mike | ^{IO}gives ^{DO}tennis all of his time.
15. The teacher | ^{IO}assigned Kim ^{DO}a report for extra credit.
16. Beth | ^{IO}gave Jim ^{DO}an extra folder for his book report.
17. The computer | ^{DO}made a strange noise and then shut down completely.
18. The restaurant | ^{DO}had burritos on the menu.
19. Nathaniel | ^{IO}told Chris ^{DO}the best idea for a costume.
20. The newscaster | ^{DO}reported an accident on Fifth Avenue.