

A *subject complement* completes a linking verb and renames the subject. It is a *complement* or *completer* because it completes the verb. *Subject complements* complete only linking verbs. The linking verbs include the following: the helping verbs *is, am, are, was, were, be, being, and been*; the sense verbs *look, taste, smell, feel, and sound*; and verbs like *become, seem, appear, grow, continue, stay, and turn*.

The verb in a sentence having a *subject complement* can always be replaced by the word *equals*. Examples: Mr. Johanson is a teacher. Mr. Johanson *equals* a teacher. Mr. Johanson is a father. Mr. Johanson *equals* a father. Mr. Johanson is my neighbor. Mr. Johanson *equals* my neighbor.

Directions: Find the verb, subject and complement in these sentences.

| | Subject | Verb | Complement |
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| 1. Ann is a new mother. | | | |
| 2. The black dog in the yard was a large Doberman. | | | |
| 3. The tall boy has been our best basketball player. | | | |
| 4. My uncle became a rich computer expert. | | | |
| 5. Mr. Bush may be our next President. | | | |
| 6. My favorite pets were a squirrel and a rabbit. | | | |
| 7. Our chief crops are corn, wheat, and hay. | | | |
| 8. Mr. Jones is an accountant and a big game hunter. | | | |
| 9. The owners of the race car include Bill, Pete, and Sam. | | | |
| 10. My favorite holidays are Christmas and Easter. | | | |
| 11. One traitor and enemy to his country was Benedict Arnold. | | | |
| 12. Two loved Presidents were Lincoln and Washington. | | | |
| 13. A ruby is a beautiful stone. | | | |
| 14. The roads in the mountains can be long dusty trails. | | | |
| 15. The location to the mine was and still is a secret. | | | |
| 16. Abbott and Costello were famous actors and a comedy team. | | | |

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| 17. Radio and television have become old inventions and household necessities. | | | |
| 18. Many neglected children become really unhappy grownups. | | | |
| 19. The car has been here for a long time. | | | |
| 20. She was a model and became a movie star. | | | |
| 21. An honest man should have been the leader of the country. | | | |
| 22. Curt's favorite toy is his big truck. | | | |
| 23. Students' favorite food must be pizza. | | | |
| 24. The alarm must be ringing again and again. | | | |
| 25. My homes have been a school house, an old apartment, and a moved-in house. | | | |
| 26. My favorite musical instruments are the radio, television, and stereo. | | | |
| 27. Two popular trees are the linden and the honey locust. | | | |
| 28. The winner will be either Jeff or Will. | | | |
| 29. Are those people our neighbors and friends? | | | |
| 30. Baseball and golf are outdoor sports. | | | |
| 31. I will be home tomorrow. | | | |
| 32. Your doctor should be a well-trained individual. | | | |
| 33. Jenny and Emily are close friends. | | | |
| 34. The grand prize was a trip to Hawaii and a cruise to Alaska. | | | |
| 35. Mr. Hatch is a member of congress and a song writer. | | | |