

Predicate Adjectives

A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and describes the subject of a sentence. Forms of *be* are the most common linking verbs. Other linking verbs include forms of *taste*, *look*, *smell*, *feel*, *appear*, *seem*, and *become*.

Example: I look tired, but I feel fine.



Write the predicate adjective from each sentence. Then write the word it modifies.

1. The air feels warm today. _____
2. The flowers smell unusually sweet. _____
3. High in the sky is the sun. _____
4. The horses look peaceful in the meadow. _____
5. Sharon feels happy outside. _____
6. She is eager for a ride on her horse. _____
7. Her horse appears ready to go. _____
8. How beautiful is the day! _____
9. The surgeon was skillful in the operating room. _____
10. The mango tastes bitter, but I will eat it anyway. _____
11. That horse at the far end of the meadow is fast. _____
12. Its coat appears gray in the shade. _____
13. However, it becomes silver in the bright sun. _____
14. Horses like that are unusual. _____
15. They are usually well-trained. _____
16. Rin Tin Tin and Lassie seem brave in their movies. _____
17. When audiences watched, they felt good. _____
18. Rin Tin Tin looked fearless. _____



Use the linking verb to write a sentence containing a predicate adjective.

19. feel _____
20. taste _____



Predicate Nominatives

A **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and renames the subject.

Example:

Lassie has been a *celebrity* for decades.



Write the predicate nominative from each sentence.

1. Fred is an enthusiastic hiker. _____
2. He is a member of a hiking club. _____
3. Jill is his best friend. _____
4. She is the fastest walker in the club. _____
5. The president of the club is Michelle. _____
6. She is an energetic girl. _____
7. Her mother is a famous climber. _____
8. Mrs. Wu is the teacher of his art class now. _____
9. Oil painting is part of the class's training. _____
10. Enrique's first oil painting was a portrait of his mother. _____
11. Enrique will become a professional artist. _____
12. An obedience trial is a good test. _____
13. The person who observes your pet is the judge. _____
14. The pet show organizer was Estella. _____
15. The funniest entry in the show was a poodle. _____



Complete each sentence, using a predicate nominative that fits the description in parentheses.

16. It was _____
(day of the week)
17. The group was _____
(a club)
18. The leader of the hike was _____
(a girl)
19. The group's destination was _____
(a place)

