

Lesson 101

Parts of the Sentence - Predicate Nominative

A *predicate nominative* or *predicate noun* completes a *linking verb* and renames the *subject*. It is a *complement* or *completer* because it completes the verb. The verb in a sentence having a predicate nominative 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.

Predicate nominatives 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*.

Instructions: Find the *verb*, *subject*, and *predicate nominatives* in these sentences.

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.