

## 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.