

Lesson 196

Parts of the Sentence - Objective Complement

An *objective complement* can be a *noun* or an *adjective* which follows the *direct object* renaming or modifying it. It is used with *verbs* like *make*, *name*, *call*, *choose*, *elect*, and *appoint*. It is not set off with commas as an *appositive* is.

Example:

I *call* my *dog* *Badger*.
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A *verb* that has an *objective complement* in the active voice may in the passive voice have a *predicate nominative* or a *predicate adjective*.

Example:

I *call* my *dog* *Badger*. (objective complement)

My dog *is called* *Badger* by me. (predicate nominative)

Example:

I *consider* my *dog* *smart*. (objective complement)

My dog *is considered* *smart* by me. (predicate adjective)

Instructions: Find the *objective complements* in the following sentences and tell whether they are *nouns* or *adjectives*.

1. Have you named Mr. Jones temporary chairman?

2. We called the boy on the horse Jock.

3. The team elected the twins co-captains.

4. The explorers found the old building empty.

5. Our present renters have kept the apartment clean.