

Lesson 197

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. The man down the lane calls his farm Alfalfa.
2. The sergeant appointed the new recruit leader of the group.
3. Diligent practice can make one a skilled person.
4. Many people named Lincoln the best President.

5. Your irritableness makes everyone moody.