

Lesson 198

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. NASA found the astronauts healthy and cheerful.

2. Special circumstances can make ordinary people heroes.

3. The group appointed the new member secretary.

4. We have always considered you capable of great things.

5. The minister pronounced the young couple man and wife.