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- A **linking verb** links the subject of a sentence with an adjective or a noun.
- Forms of *be*, when they stand alone, are always linking verbs.
- The verbs *seem*, *appear*, *look*, *sound*, *taste*, and *feel* can also be linking verbs.

For each sentence, write the linking verb.

1. Today is the first day of camp. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The lake looks calm at sunrise. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The birds sound peaceful in the trees. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Campers feel good after a restful sleep. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Breakfast is oatmeal and bacon. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The campers appear hungry. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The food smells great! \_\_\_\_\_
8. Hot oatmeal tastes delicious. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The weather feels warm. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Ducks and squirrels are our neighbors here! \_\_\_\_\_

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- A sentence is made up of a subject and a predicate.
- A **predicate noun** is a noun that follows a linking verb and renames or identifies the subject.
- A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and describes the subject.

A. Read each sentence and underline the linking verb. Then write the predicate noun on the blank line.

1. Today is Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Saturday is our day for errands. \_\_\_\_\_
3. These items are the groceries for today. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The first thing is apples. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Apples are my favorite fruit. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Read each sentence and draw a line under the linking verb. Then write the predicate adjective on the blank line.

6. These apples look good. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The green ones taste sour. \_\_\_\_\_
8. That type is crunchy. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Those apples appear ripe. \_\_\_\_\_
10. They seem perfect for our salad. \_\_\_\_\_

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- Italicize or underline titles of long works, such as novels, plays, films, newspapers, magazines, artworks, and albums.
- Use quotation marks around titles of short works, such as short stories, essays, magazine articles, songs, and poems.
- Capitalize all the important words in titles, along with the first and last words.
- Capitalize linking verbs in titles.

Write each title correctly on the line. Use an underline for long works and quotation marks for short works. The words in parentheses ( ) tell you whether the work is long or short.

1. the call of the wild (book)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. my favorite vacation (essay)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. the baltimore sun (newspaper)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. washington crossing the delaware (painting)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. stopping by woods on a snowy evening (poem)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. this land is your land (song)  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- A **predicate noun** is a noun that follows a linking verb and renames or identifies the subject. A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that follows a linking verb and describes the subject.
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Rewrite the sentences correctly. Watch for mistakes with linking verbs, capitalization, and punctuation.

1. My favorite book is peter pan.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. that magazine, science monthly, sounds interesting.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. the title of my Article is the game seemed lost  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. At the game, we sang take me out to the ballgame.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. dog barking at the moon are a Painting by Joan Miro.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. the village blacksmith is my favorite poem?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**A. Read each sentence. Circle the linking verb. Underline a predicate noun once and a predicate adjective twice.**

1. My favorite book is a biography of George Washington Carver.
2. George Washington Carver was a scientist specializing in plants and agriculture.
3. He is famous for inventing many uses for peanuts and sweet potatoes.
4. Carver's work was significant for cotton farming in the South.
5. Carver was a professor at Tuskegee Institute for about fifty years.

**B. Rewrite each title using correct capitalization and punctuation. Underline long titles.**

6. (film) a week with two dogs and a cat \_\_\_\_\_
7. (newspaper article) prospects look good for new businesses \_\_\_\_\_
8. (song) you are my best friend \_\_\_\_\_
9. (book) a tale of two cities \_\_\_\_\_
10. (short story) the celebrated jumping frog of Calaveras county \_\_\_\_\_