



Sentence Base

A **sentence** is a group of words that expresses a complete thought.

A **sentence** must have a **subject** and a **predicate**.

The **subject** names the person, place, thing, or idea the sentence is about.

The **predicate** informs the reader about the subject.

Example: **Subject** **Predicate**
 My father lives in Colorado.

Sometimes a sentence will need a **complement** to sound complete. The four types of complements are direct objects, indirect objects, predicate nominatives, and predicate adjectives.

The **direct object** is a noun or a pronoun that receives the action of the verb. To locate a direct object, ask the question: What? or Whom? after the verb.

Example: The cat drank the **milk**.

The **indirect object** answers a (To whom? For whom? To what? or for what?) question about the verb.

Example: Fred bought his **girlfriend** a diamond ring.

The **Predicate Nominative** is a noun or a pronoun that follows a linking verb and identifies, renames, or explains the subject.

Example: Jesus is **Lord**.

The **Predicate Adjective** is an adjective that identifies, renames, or explains the subject.

Example: The movie is **boring**.