

# LESSON 6: Sentence Complements

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## REVIEW RECITATION:

Grammar Questions #34-35

## LESSON:

**Grammar Question #58:** What is a sentence complement? Give the four complements.

*A **complement** is one or more words in the predicate that complete the meaning of the subject and verb. The four complements are **predicate nominative, predicate adjective, direct object, and indirect object.***

**Grammar Question #59:** What parts of speech are NOT complements?

*Adverbs and prepositional phrases are not complements.*

**Ex. 1** Wilbur walks **in the barn**. (prepositional phrase)

**Ex. 2** Wilbur walks **slowly**. (adverb)

## COPYWORK:

**Grammar Question #58:** \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ex. 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ex. 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICE A:** Underline the verb or verb phrase in each sentence. Draw a line between the subject and predicate. Remember that the line will usually come right before the verb. Ask “What (or who)?” after the subject and verb. Circle the complement.

1. Lassie was a collie.
2. Peter bought a pocket knife.
3. Father is driving the tractor.
4. Mary will visit our great-grandmother.
5. She opened the gate.
6. Aaron wears his raincoat and boots on rainy days.
7. Mother is happy on sunny days.
8. They planted tomatoes and green beans.
9. His favorite dessert is chocolate chip ice cream.
10. We will be reading *The Wind in the Willows* next year.

**PRACTICE B:** Ask “What?” after the subject and verb to find the complement, and then circle it. For the two sentences that don’t have complements, write either *prepositional phrase* or *adverb* out to the side.

1. The mailman delivered the mail.
2. Our grandfather is a carpenter and a farmer.
3. The children were happy.
4. Snowdrops and crocuses are flowers.
5. David slept soundly.
6. He made his bed.
7. David and Michael finished their chores.
8. They fed the chickens and the goats.
9. Mother cleans on Mondays.
10. He is learning Spanish.

**ORAL QUIZ:** Recite answers with examples.

- Grammar Questions #58-59