

LESSON 6: Sentence Complements

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.**

*The objective complement is not covered in this course.

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)

Teacher Note:

Students have not had prepositions yet, so some examples and definitions should be given. See Grammar Questions #93-97.

COPYWORK:

Grammar Question #58: _____

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.

Teacher Note:

At this point students are identifying complements by asking the right questions. You may identify the type of complement if you wish, but it is not necessary.

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. **adverb answering question how**
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. **prepositional phrase answering question when**
10. He is learning Spanish.

Teacher Note:

#5, 9 do not answer question what, but rather how or when.

ORAL QUIZ: Recite answers with examples.

- Grammar Questions #58-59