EXERCISE  In the following sentences, underline each subject once and each verb twice. Then, circle each complement. Note: Not every sentence contains a complement.

EXAMPLE 1. The newspaper in our town held a disc golf contest.

1. The judges announced a set of rules.
2. The rules were simple.
3. The judges created three contest divisions.
4. The first division involved games between two players.
5. The second division tested distance.
6. The winner threw the disc with great power.
7. The last division involved a test of accuracy.
8. Discs were hurled into a basket.
9. Both Salvatore and Annetta entered the contest.
10. Annetta practiced steadily for a week.
11. This was her first contest.
12. Sometimes she and Salvatore practiced together.
13. Salvatore had competed for the past two years.
14. The day of the contest arrived.
15. Both Salvatore and Annetta were nervous.
16. Salvatore entered the third division.
17. He did not win.
18. Annetta joined the first-division competition.
19. She was defeated by a more experienced contestant.
20. Annetta and Salvatore will compete again next year.
EXERCISE A  In each of the following sentences, underline the subject once and the verb twice. Then, draw an arrow from the verb to the direct object.

EXAMPLE 1. Mr. Wilcox had read some of the books.

1. They planted six beds of tulips in the garden.
2. A bolt of lightning split the tree down the middle.
3. The heavy rain washed the soil away from the dinosaur bones.
4. Can Geraldo recite the first paragraph of the Gettysburg Address?
5. Tranh ordered chicken gumbo at the Cajun restaurant.
6. The city put a fence of redwood planks along the road.
7. Has Kelli tasted the spicy crawfish gumbo?
8. Our team successfully blocked the kick.
9. Aola plays the violin in the school orchestra.
10. The undercover agent delivered the package of microfilm to the contact.

EXERCISE B  Underline every direct object in the following paragraph. Note: Not all of the sentences have direct objects; some have more than one direct object.

EXAMPLE [1] Have you heard this story?

EXERCISE Underline each indirect object once and each direct object twice in each of the following sentences. Remember that a sentence can contain more than one indirect or direct object.

EXAMPLE 1. Send Otis and us a postcard from the Rocky Mountains!

1. Could you design us a chart in three dimensions?
2. Wow! That Web site surely gave me a lot of information.
3. Take your sister today's newspaper.
4. Who taught you weaving?
5. Our sources give the bill every chance of passing in the Senate.
6. They taught their students the importance and usefulness of writing skills.
7. Aunt Ruth promised Carl and her another chance to see the Renoir exhibit.
8. We could make Mom and Dad supper tonight and surprise them.
9. That evening, Mr. Marcado sold the company a three-story building.
10. In honor of her election they gave her a gavel.
11. Pass him the ball!
12. Who ordered us tacos?
13. Could they grant him a special visa to China?
14. Read me a story about the fire keeper.
15. Mrs. Rogers assigned Cynthia and the rest of the class two papers and an experiment.
16. Please tell me the time.
17. Would you lend me money for a phone call, Dena?
18. Test officials will issue you all necessary supplies for the examination.
19. She drew us a picture of her dream.
20. Would you show Ambassador Chen and her husband their room?
**Language Handbook 9 Complements**

**Worksheet 4** Linking Verbs and Subject Complements

**Exercise A** Complete each of the following sentences by writing an appropriate linking verb in the blank. Try not to use the same verb twice. Some linking verbs may require a helping verb.

**Example 1.** Ahanu __must be__ very happy.

1. Ming Chin __was__ sleepy listening to the music.
2. The moon __looks__ bigger through a telescope.
3. On rainy days I usually __become__ lazy.
4. The cat __seemed__ friendlier as we brushed its fur.
5. The old Spanish castle __appeared__ weather-beaten.
6. The grilled onions __tasted__ delicious.
7. Leslie __was__ undecided, even after her friends' encouragement.
8. The pounding hail __sounded__ very loud on the roof.
9. Will the chili __be__ too hot if I add more peppers?
10. Despite all the noise, the toddler __remained__ asleep.

**Exercise B** In the following sentences, underline each linking verb once; underline each subject complement twice. Then, on the line provided, write PN if the complement is a predicate nominative or PA if it is a predicate adjective. A sentence may have more than one complement.

**Example  ** __PA__ 1. Does the molded gelatin salad __look firm__ to you?

1. One of the U.S. senators from this state is a woman.
2. The hot cereal and fresh toast smelled delicious.
3. Imogene appears unusually cheerful this morning.
4. His favorite sports are soccer and field hockey.
5. Because of her exercising, Anita is becoming stronger.
6. The breed of the prize-winning milk cow was Guernsey.
7. Sandy's new interest is food from other cultures.
8. My pet gerbil, Hercules, is tan.
9. The milk quickly turned sour in the warm kitchen.
10. The students seem curious about the Lewis and Clark expedition.
Identifying Predicate Nominatives and Predicate Adjectives

**Exercise** Underline the linking verb in each of the following sentences. Then, on the line provided, write each subject complement. Label each complement either PA for predicate adjective or PN for predicate nominative. **Note:** Not every sentence will have both a predicate adjective and a predicate nominative; some sentences may have more than one of either.

**Example** 1. Yes, she is a doctor—and very interesting, too.

   
   *doctor, PN; interesting, PA*

1. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a demonstration of the rule that buildings need to stand up straight.

   
   *PN*

2. Even well into her seventies, she remained a tireless worker and a brilliant thinker.

   
   *PN, PN*

3. This machine is efficient; it is also one of a kind.

   
   *PA, PN*

4. In Sri Lanka, coconut palms grow tall and produce beautiful fruit.

   
   *DO*

5. Freshly cut grass smells sweet.

   
   *PA*

6. The sea is essential to Japan's economy and food supply.

   
   *PA*

7. My favorite movie has always been *Star Wars*.

   
   *PN*

8. Wole Soyinka is an African playwright and one voice for the Nigerian people.

   
   *PN, PN*

9. They were happy in their hometown in Taiwan.

   
   *PA*

10. The rice fields looked well tended and productive.

   
   *PA, PA*