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**Direct Objects, Indirect Objects, Objective Complements  
Subject Complements: Predicate Nominative, Predicate Adjective**

**Complement:** A complement is a word or group of words that completes the meaning of the predicate of a sentence. Complements can be nouns, pronouns, or adjectives. In the following sentences, the various complements are underlined.

- The invaders plundered the town.
- Allison told her a secret.
- The President appointed her Attorney General.
- That tree is an oak.
- The frozen lake looked smooth.

Some sentences require complements to be complete. Without the information provided by the complement they simply don't make sense.

- ? Grace sent.
- ? The people elected.
- ? Wild animals are.

**Direct Objects:** A direct object is a noun, pronoun or group of words acting as a noun that receives the action of a transitive verb. To find a direct object, ask What? or Whom? after an action verb.

\_\_\_\_\_ The carpenter is sanding the board.

