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LINKED FOR LIFE! LINKING VERBS AND PREDICATE NOUNS

Linking verbs are *intransitive, state of being verbs* without a direct object. Instead of telling what the subject *does*, the linking verb *links* the subject with other words that describes or explain more about the subject. They do not show action. They tell what the subject *is, was* or *will be*.

Linking verbs are followed by nouns, pronouns or adjectives. These nouns are called **predicate nouns**. They tell us more about the subject.

Tammy *became* class president of the fifth grade.
Became is the linking verb. It *links* us to what Tammy *is*.
Class president is the **predicate noun**. It describes *more* about the *subject* – Tammy.

Predicate nouns come after the linking verb in a sentence. They tell us who the *subject* of the sentence *is*.

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Underline the **predicate noun** in each of the sentences below.

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2. Mr. Flemming was my teacher last year.
3. Amber became the babysitter for our neighborhood.
4. Robert and Mark are brothers.
5. I am Grandma's fifth grandchild.
6. We were the big winners today.
7. Aunt Anne is my favorite relative.
8. Sarah Perkins was the mayor of our town.
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