

Predicate Nominatives and Predicate Adjectives B

13e. A *predicate nominative* is a word or word group that is in the predicate and that identifies the subject or refers to it.

EXAMPLE Faith Ringgold is a talented **artist**.

A predicate nominative is never part of a prepositional phrase.

EXAMPLE That quilt is **one** of her creations. [*One*, not *creations*, is the predicate nominative. *Creations* is the object of the preposition *of*.]

13f. A *predicate adjective* is an adjective that is in the predicate and that describes the subject.

EXAMPLE Faith Ringgold is extremely **talented**.

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, identify the underlined word or word group by writing above it *PN* for *predicate nominative*, *PA* for *predicate adjective*, or *OP* for *object of a preposition*.

Example 1. Ms. Juarez is my English ^{*PN*} teacher.

- Ms. Juarez is also an imaginative playwright.
- "A Dog's Life" is one of her humorous one-act plays.
- In this play a man becomes a full-grown Labrador retriever.
- The man's children seem pleased with their new pet.
- As the play unfolds, the dog's behavior grows comically strange.

EXERCISE B In the following sentences, identify each predicate nominative or predicate adjective by writing above it *PN* for *predicate nominative* or *PA* for *predicate adjective*. (Hint: At least one sentence contains a compound predicate nominative or a compound predicate adjective.)

Example 1. Did Randy seem ^{*PA*} angry and ^{*PN*} ^{*PA*} frustrated to you?

- The dachshund is a highly intelligent breed of dog.
- Does the water in the swimming pool feel too cold to you?
- Broccoli is one of my favorite vegetables.
- The finalists in the eighth-grade geography bee are Kim Chun and she.
- The action in this movie may be too violent for some viewers.
- The photographer seemed quite pleased with his pictures.
- Una was certainly happy about the contest results.
- All of the scouts appeared tired and hungry after their long hike.
- My mother is a skilled carpenter.
- Is Rufino Tamayo the Mexican artist who painted *Homage to Juárez*?