



Linking Verbs

What is a Linking Verb?

A linking verb connects the subject of a sentence to an adjective, noun, or pronoun that completes the meaning of the verb. Common linking verbs are the forms of the verb *to be*; verbs relating to the five senses; and the verbs *become*, *appear*, and *seem*.

Common Linking Verbs:

am
are
is
was
were
be
been
feel
look
smell
sound
taste
touch
become
appear
seem

Note: When an adjective follows a linking verb, it is known as a predicate adjective, which describes the subject. When a noun follows a linking verb, it is known as a predicate nominative, which renames the subject.

Ex of predicate adj: The Broadway show ^{lv} appeared ^{pa} successful.

Ex of predicate nom: Cynthia ^{lv} became a ^{pn} doctor.

Remember:

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