



Nouns

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Lets watch a short video...

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk4N5kkifGQ>
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As a subject of a sentence:

- Every sentence must have a subject.
 - Decide which part is the subject.
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For example...




- A train travels at high speeds.
 - Before visiting the library, Stephen did considerable research online.
 - Green balloons are better than green boogers.
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As the direct object of a transitive verb:

- A direct object is a word or a group of words representing the person or thing upon which the action of a verb is performed or toward which it is directed.

Direct Object

SUBJECT + **VERB** + *what? or who?* = **DIRECT OBJECT**



Shows Action

For example...

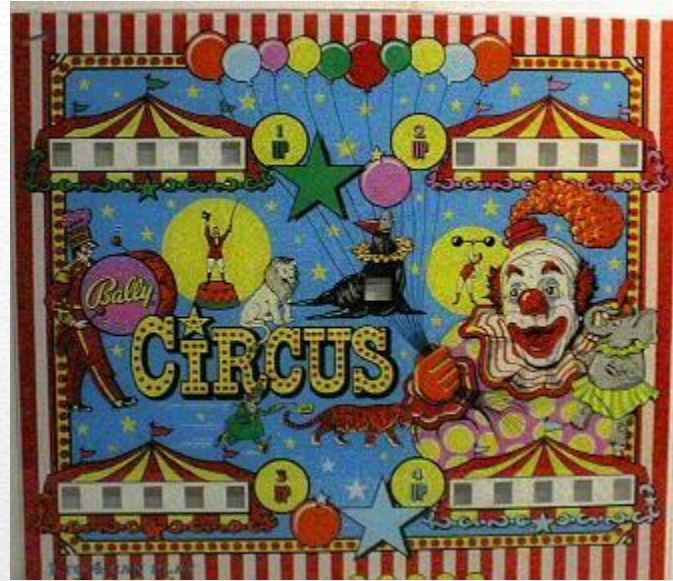


- Our cat caught a mouse.
 - After dinner, Matthew always serves a cake.
 - George the ape ate Mort the banana man.
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As the *predicate nominative* of a linking verb:

- A *predicate nominative* is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and refers to the subject of the verb.
 - Typically, a *predicate nominative* has the same value or grammatical weight as the subject.
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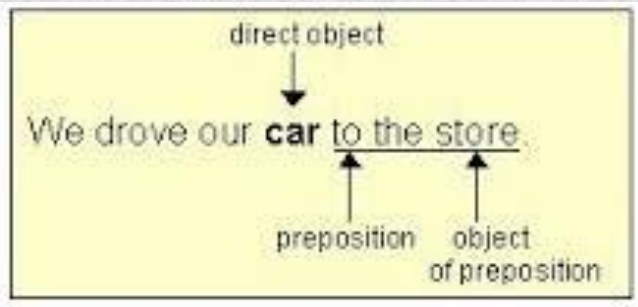
For example...



- At the end of the tournament, Tiger Woods was the **leader**.
 - The assistant's attitude seems a **mystery** to everyone involved.
 - The circus folk love **finding** lost shoes. (It's a gerund)
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As the *object of a preposition*:

- The *object of a preposition* is usually (but not always) the noun or pronoun found immediately to the right of the preposition.



For example...



- “Toto, I’ve got a feeling we’re not in **Kansas** anymore” (Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, 1939).
 - The cat ran under the **car**.
 - Po the panda’s meal of **orange chicken** was delicious.
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As a *possessive or modifier* of another noun:

- *Possessive* relates or denotes the case of nouns and pronouns expressing possession.
 - *Modifier* is a word that restricts or adds to the sense of a head noun.
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For example...

- The **cat's** tuna was finally finished.
 - After a **month's** work she earned 500 dollars.
 - The **dog's** toy is hidden deep underground.
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