

Grammar Cheat Sheet 30

Linking Verbs

Linking Verb: (red – should be circled)

- The sentence pattern is always **NLVN** or **NLVA**.

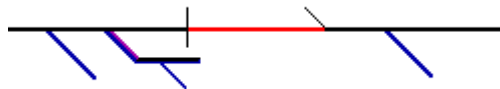
Noun: (black)

- The “**doer**” of the action is the **subject**.
- The noun that follows the linking verb, and renames the “**subject**” of the sentence is a **predicate noun**.

Predicate Adjective: (blue)

- The adjective that follows the linking verb, and describes the “**subject**” of the sentence is a **predicate adjective**.

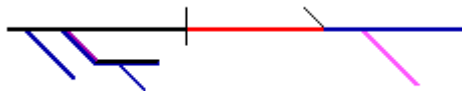
Linking Verb Diagram Forms



The man (in the car) is our coach.

“**Coach,**” a noun, follows the linking verb, “**is**” and renames the subject, “**man.**”

This is a **NLVN** sentence.



The gymnast (on the trampoline) is highly skilled.

“**Skilled,**” an adjective, follows the linking verb, “**is**” and describes the subject, “**gymnast.**”

This is a **NLVA** sentence.