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# **LESSON 6:** Sentence Complements

**REVIEW RECITATION:**

☐ Grammar Questions #34-35

**LESSON:**

***Grammar Question #58:** What is a sentence complement? Give the four complements.**

*A **complement** is one or more words in the predicate that complete the meaning of the subject and verb. The four complements are **predicate nominative**, **predicate adjective**, **direct object**, and **indirect object**.* *The objective complement is not covered in this course.

**Grammar Question #59:** What parts of speech are NOT complements?
*Adverbs and prepositional phrases are not complements.*

**Ex. 1** Wilbur walks **in the barn**. (prepositional phrase)

**Ex. 2** Wilbur walks **slowly**. (adverb)

**Teacher Note:**
Students have not had prepositions yet, so some examples and definitions should be given. See Grammar Questions #93-96.

**COPYWORK:**

**Grammar Question #58:** _____

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Answer: _____

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**Grammar Question #59:** _____

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Answer: _____

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**Ex. 1** _____

**Ex. 2** _____

**PRACTICE A: Underline the verb or verb phrase in each sentence. Draw a line between the subject and predicate. Remember that the line will usually come right before the verb. Ask "What?" or "Who?" after the subject and verb. Circle the complement.**

1. Lassie|was a collie.
2. Peter|bought a pocket knife.
3. Father|is driving the tractor.
4. Mary|will visit our great-grandmother.
5. She|opened the gate.
6. Aaron|wears his raincoat and boots on rainy days.
7. Mother|is happy on sunny days.
8. They|planted tomatoes and green beans.
9. His favorite dessert|is chocolate chip ice cream.
10. We|will be reading *The Wind in the Willows* next year.

**Teacher Note:**
At this point students are identifying complements by asking the right questions. You may identify the type of complement if you wish, but it is not necessary.

**PRACTICE B: Ask "What?" or "Who?" after the subject and verb to find the complement, and then circle it. For the two sentences that don't have complements, write either *prepositional phrase* or *adverb* out to the side.**

1. The mailman delivered the mail.
2. Our grandfather is a carpenter and a farmer.
3. The children were happy.
4. Snowdrops and crocuses are flowers.
5. David slept soundly. adverb (answering question *how*)
6. He made his bed.
7. David and Michael finished their chores.
8. They fed the chickens and the goats.
9. Mother cleans on Mondays. prepositional phrase (answering question *when*)
10. He is learning Spanish.

**Teacher Note:**
#5, 9 do not answer question *what*, but rather *how* or *when*.

**ORAL QUIZ: Recite answers with examples.**

☐ Grammar Questions #58-59