Complements: Subject and Object Complements

FORM

> ### Subject Complements
> subject + *be* verb + subject complement

USE

Subject Complements describe subjects. Used with *be* verbs, they express things that a speaker or writer believes are fact. A **subject complement** can be a **noun phrase, adjective/adjective phrase** or a **prepositional phrase**.

EXAMPLES

Canada is a <u>northern hemisphere country</u>. (noun phrase)
The new president will be <u>more effective</u>. (adjective phrase)
The leaders of those countries are <u>in conflict</u>. (prepositional phrase)

FORM

> ### Object Complements
> subject + verb + object +object complement

USE

Object Complements describe the object of a sentence. An **object complement** can be a noun phrase, adjective phrase or prepositional phrase. They often indicate the subject's opinion about the object. The **object complement** is not always factual and the speaker might not agree with the information. Complements with certain verbs (consider, find etc.) can be replaced by infinitive phrases or *that* clauses.

EXAMPLES

Many people consider Canada <u>a beautiful, safe country</u>. (noun phrase)
People find the new president <u>more effective</u>. (adjective phrase)
*[=People find **that the new president is more effective**.]*
> (*that* clause)

Some experts consider those leaders <u>in conflict</u>. (prepositional phrase)
*[=Some experts consider those leaders **to be in conflict**.]*
> (infinitive phrase)

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Complete the following sentences with SUBJECT COMPLEMENTS. Use noun, adjective or prepositional phrases.

1. In the future, computers will be _____.

2. My apartment is _____.

3. Traditional ideas about men and women are _____.

4. Thailand is _____.

5. North American food is _____.

Write sentences about the following nouns, using OBJECT COMPLEMENTS. Use noun, adjective or prepositional phrases.

Example: Tokyo
     Many people find Tokyo a modern, exciting city.
  or People consider Tokyo crowded and noisy.

1. pork

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2. big cities

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3. pets

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4. fast food

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5. homelessness

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6. rap music

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7. English

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