A **predicate nominative** is a word or word group that is in the predicate and that identifies the subject or refers to it.

-A predicate nominative is a noun or pronoun complement that follows *linking* verbs.

Example:

Mr. Richards became mayor of a small town in Ohio.

Mr. Stoltenberg is the teacher of Communication Arts.

**Exercise 5**

1. Horticulture is the art or science of growing flowers, fruits, vegetables, and other plants.
2. Through germination, a seed becomes a plant.
3. The developing plant is a seedling.
4. Growing plants is a pleasure for many people.
5. With light and moisture, seedlings will become healthy plants.

A **predicate adjective** is an adjective that is in the predicate and that describes the subject.

-A predicate adjective is an adjective complement that follows *linking* verbs.

Example:

This chili tastes spicy.

Mr. Stoltenberg looks funny today.

**Exercise 6**

1. The great stone dogs that guard the entrance to Chinatown look a bit frightening.
2. The streets there are crowded and full of bustling activity.
3. The special foods and beverages at the tearooms and restaurants smell wonderful.
4. To an outsider, the mixture of Chinese and English languages can sound both mysterious and intriguing.
5. The art at the Chinese Culture Center is impressive.