

Object Complements

New evidence just in:
Object Complements can be nouns or adjectives!!
Could they be *distant cousins* of PN's and PA's??

This is exciting news in the English grammar world! Object Complements always rename or replace the Direct Object (DO).

Just like Predicate Nouns (PN) can replace or rename the Subject (S), and Predicate Adjectives (PA) can describe the Subject (S).

It's like the DO has his own little friends to help him out just like the Subject does.

So, if a noun can rename or replace the DO, then it is the Object Complement Noun. If an adjective can describe the DO then it is an Object Complement Adjective. The similarities are just incredible. I may never forget these now!!

Sp Vt Do OCN

(You) Call me Ishmael!!

Simple ~ Imperative ~ Exclamatory

OCN clues

- Always a noun
- Always follows the Direct Object
- Always renames the Direct Object
- It will never be in a sentence that has an Indirect Object. (They don't get along at all)
- Will never be in a Prepositional Phrase

OCA clues

- Always an adjective
- Always follows the Direct Object
- Always describes the Direct Object
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Mysteries of the 6th
and 7th Sentence
Patterns revealed!!

OCN's and OCA's
have another
distinctive quality.
They only work with
a very exclusive group
of verbs.

Elect

Name

Appoint

Choose

Make

Consider

Render

Even the diagramming is similar!!!
The dividing line points back to what it is
renaming or describing! Incredible!!!!

Subject	VL		PN
Subject	VL		PA
Subject	VT	DO	OCN
Subject	VT	DO	OCA

If you are still not absolutely sure how to label even after you have asked all the right questions, here is a trick that might help.

Substitute the verb in the sentence with a new verb: **MADE** and see if it helps make it clear.

Example:

The dog licked the dish clean.



Change to:

The dog *made* the dish clean.