

Predicate Nominatives

13e. A *predicate nominative* is a word or word group that is in the predicate and that identifies the subject or refers to it.

EXAMPLES The protagonist of *The Call of the Wild* is a **dog** named Buck.
 Buck becomes a hard-working **sled dog** and a devoted **companion** of John Thornton.
 [compound predicate nominative]

EXERCISE In the following sentences, circle the linking verb and underline the predicate nominative. (Hint: Some sentences contain a compound predicate nominative.)

Example 1. The leader will be Maria.

1. My partner for biology lab is Penelope.
2. Jason will be the next student council president.
3. Mrs. Furillo's favorite song is still "Night and Day."
4. Rocky Marciano was the world heavyweight boxing champion from 1952 to 1956.
5. My coat is the red one.
6. Leon would have been my first choice for the part.
7. Michelle Kwan has become an inspiration to us all.
8. Is Sara the runner in the blue T-shirt?
9. I could have been a contender.
10. The winner of the spelling bee was Tracy.
11. The next speaker will be Mr. Gonzalez.
12. Who was the fourteenth president of the United States?
13. My favorite memory of the trip is our day at the Grand Canyon.
14. At the age of eighteen, my father became the first person in his family to go to college.
15. Were the stars of that movie Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart?
16. The winner is Terry!
17. Did Sheila become an accountant?
18. Grace's preferences for lunch are sandwiches or soup.
19. The next contestant on the show is Mr. Hynes.
20. Ginger should have become an actress.