

**EXERCISE 1.** Underline the subjects, linking verbs, and subject complements in the following sentences. Say if the subject complement is a noun, pronoun or an adjective.

1. Thomas Jefferson was Secretary of State during Washington's presidency.
2. His story sounds suspicious and unlikely.
3. Jack's shirt looks purple in that light.
4. Soccer is one of the oldest sports in the world.
5. At one time railroads were the only connecting link between the West Coast and the East Coast.
6. The kiwi is a flightless bird of New Zealand.
7. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon.
8. Nearly all the clothes in her wardrobe are beige or blue.
9. The red car in front of the house must be theirs.
10. After an hour in a gasoline line, most drivers become impatient and irritable.

**EXERCISE 2.** Match elements from A, B and C to form meaningful SVC sentences.

A
1. Peter
2. The boys in the courtyard
3. The lawyer for the defence
4. Grandma's spaghetti sauce
5. New York
6. Mary
7. The blue bag

B
A. are
B. was
C. is
D. felt
E. was
F. tasted
G. turned

C
H. spicy but delicious.
I. sick after dinner.
J. Jerry and Fred.
K. pale at the news of her brother's arrest.
L. happy over the verdict.
M. once the capital of the United States.
N. hers.

**EXERCISE 3.** Rearrange each group of words into meaningful SVC sentences. Two alternatives are possible for each sentence.

1. summer / my / season / is / favourite /
2. had / are / the / best / Julia / students / and /
3. boy / Omar / the / youngest / is /
4. is / songs / "Sweet Heart" / his / of / famous / one /
5. the / William's / the / of / judge / the / kidnappers / sons / were / of /

**EXERCISE 4.** Write SVC (noun & adjective) sentences of your own.