

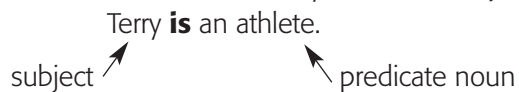
**Stop the Sun (page 58)****Grammar SkillBuilder: Predicate Nouns and Predicate Adjectives**

**Key Concept:** Writers use predicate nouns and predicate adjectives to describe or identify subjects in sentences that contain linking verbs.

**Predicate Nouns and Predicate Adjectives**

**Predicate nouns** and **predicate adjectives** can be found in sentences that contain linking verbs. Common linking verbs include forms of the verb *to be* and the verbs *appear, become, feel, grow, look, remain, seem, smell, sound, stay, taste, and turn*.

**Predicate nouns** rename, identify, or define subjects.



**Predicate adjectives** describe subjects by telling *which one, what kind, how many, or how much*.

**Activity**

Complete the sentences below using predicate nouns or adjectives, as indicated. Underline the linking verbs.

*Example:* His eyes looked (adjective) strange.

1. At the hardware store Terry's father became (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Terry's father was a (noun) \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Terry became (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ about his father's war experiences.
4. Terry's mother was (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband.
5. When Terry finally asked about Vietnam, his father seemed (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about it.
6. The story that he finally told was (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Terry's father seemed (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.
8. As he listened to his father, Terry felt (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The story about the war was finally the (noun) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The discussion was a (noun) \_\_\_\_\_.