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Read and Discover

Predicate Nouns and Predicate Adjectives

Lesson 5

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Invertebrates are **animals** without backbones.

Most terrestrial invertebrates are **small**.

Find the simple subject and the linking verb in each sentence above. Put a box around the boldfaced noun that tells who or what the subject of its sentence is. Circle the boldfaced adjective that gives descriptive information about the subject of its sentence.

*aka Subject Complements (sc)

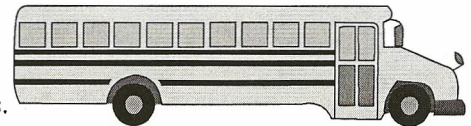
A **predicate noun** follows a linking verb and tells more about who or what the subject is. A **predicate adjective** follows a linking verb and describes the subject.

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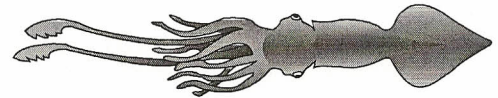
Part 1

Underline the linking verb in each sentence. Put a box around each predicate noun. Circle each predicate adjective.

1. Cephalopods are an ancient group of marine invertebrates.
2. They are also a class of mollusks.
3. Mollusks are animals with soft bodies and, in most cases, shells.
4. Some marine biologists are experts on cephalopods.
5. According to these experts, a cephalopod's brain is relatively large.
6. These creatures are the most intelligent of the invertebrates.
7. Squid and octopuses are one variety of cephalopod.
8. Giant squid and colossal squid are two species of squid.
9. In the past, people were awestruck by tales of giant sea monsters.
10. Marine biologists became curious about the existence of gigantic squid.
11. Antarctica's Ross Sea was the site of a major discovery in January 2007.
12. John Bennett is the captain of a New Zealand fishing boat.
13. He was amazed at the sight of a colossal squid tangled in his fishing lines.
14. The adult male squid was enormous—the largest one ever recovered.
15. The creature's weight was about 1,000 pounds.
16. The squid's length was 33 feet.
17. Bennett's capture of the colossal squid was a major contribution to our knowledge of cephalopods.



school bus
length: 40 feet



colossal squid
maximum estimated
length: 46 feet