**Subject Complements**

Complements are words that complete the meaning or action of verbs. There are two general types of complements: subject complements and objects of verbs.

**Predicate Adjectives**

A predicate adjective describes or modifies the subject.

The climb had been difficult.

subject predicate predicate adjective

The explorers felt extremely miserable.

subject predicate predicate adjective

**Predicate Nominatives**

A predicate nominative is a noun or pronoun. It identifies, renames, or defines the subject.

Mount Everest was their destination.

subject predicate predicate nominative

The trip became their worst nightmare.

subject predicate predicate nominative

Write the subject complement in each sentence and identify it as a predicate adjective (PA) or predicate nominative (PN).

Example: The Himalayas are incredibly magnificent.

1. Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
2. Its slopes look risky, even to world-class climbers.
3. Oxygen grows thin beyond the mountain’s base.
4. Climbers often become immobile without extra oxygen.
5. Frequently, frostbite becomes a real problem.
6. In such cases the skin appears swollen.
7. Glaciers are great sources of danger.