Linking Verbs

What is a Linking Verb?
A linking verb connects the subject of a sentence to an adjective, noun, or pronoun that completes the meaning of the verb. Common linking verbs are the forms of the verb *to be*; verbs relating to the five senses; and the verbs *become, appear, and seem*.

Common Linking Verbs:
- am
- are
- is
- was
- were
- be
- been
- feel
- look
- smell
- sound
- taste
- touch
- become
- appear
- seem

**Note:** When an adjective follows a linking verb, it is known as a predicate adjective, which describes the subject. When a noun follows a linking verb, it is known as a predicate nominative, which renames the subject.

Ex of predicate adj: The Broadway show appeared successful.
Ex of predicate nom: Cynthia became a doctor.

**Remember:**
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