Object or Rename

Sort noun phrases by the job they do.

7.L.GC.1.53 "Grammar, Mechanics: Use parts of speech and their associated phrases or clauses to perform indicated sentence functions (e.g., subject, direct object, predicate nominative, modifier). (Continue)"

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DIRECT OBJECT

A direct object receives the action of an action verb. It answers whom or what after the verb.

During the hike, the traveler carried [a lantern].

PREDICATE NOMINATIVE

A predicate nominative follows a linking verb and names or renames the subject. It is a noun or noun phrase.

The visitor appears [a poet].

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle OBJECT or NOMINATIVE for the bracketed words, then choose two items and explain which verb helped you decide.

1.	The committee chose [Jordan].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
2.	The storm damaged [several roofs].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
3.	My neighbor became [the captain].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
4.	The mechanic repaired [the engine].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
5.	The winner was [our science teacher].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
6.	Their goal remains [a mystery].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
7.	Our class will visit [the aquarium].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE
8.	The final speaker is [Lena].	OBJECT NOMINATIVE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one original sentence with a direct object and one original sentence with a predicate nominative. Put brackets around each noun or noun phrase.

OBJECT _____

NOMINATIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one compound sentence with a direct object in one clause and a predicate nominative in the other clause. Put brackets around both phrases.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The committee chose [Jordan].	**OBJECT**	Jordan receives the action of chose.
2	The storm damaged [several roofs].	**OBJECT**	Several roofs receives the action of damaged.
3	My neighbor became [the captain].	**NOMINATIVE**	The captain renames My neighbor after the linking verb became.
4	The mechanic repaired [the engine].	**OBJECT**	The engine receives the action of repaired.
5	The winner was [our science teacher].	**NOMINATIVE**	Our science teacher renames The winner after the linking verb was.
6	Their goal remains [a mystery].	**NOMINATIVE**	A mystery renames Their goal after the linking verb remains.
7	Our class will visit [the aquarium].	**OBJECT**	The aquarium receives the action of will visit.
8	The final speaker is [Lena].	**NOMINATIVE**	Lena renames The final speaker after the linking verb is.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **OBJECT**: The violinist tuned [her instrument].
- **NOMINATIVE**: That tiny seedling became [a tall sunflower].

Challenge: The baker frosted [the cake], and the cake became [a centerpiece].

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Sort answers: 1 OBJECT, 2 OBJECT, 3 NOMINATIVE, 4 OBJECT, 5 NOMINATIVE, 6 NOMINATIVE, 7 OBJECT, 8 NOMINATIVE. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify an action verb and its receiver or a linking verb and the phrase that renames the subject.