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Complements

13h. A **complement** is a word or word group that completes the meaning of a verb.

A complement may be a noun, a pronoun, or an adjective, and may also be compound.

EXAMPLES The first European to visit the Society Islands was **Samuel Wallis**. [noun]

I read **that** in the encyclopedia. [pronoun]

The article about the islands was **informative** and **thorough**. [adjectives]

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, write *S* above the *subject*, *V* above the *verb*, and *C* above the *complement*. Some sentences may have more than one complement.

Example 1. ^S The Society Islands ^V are ^C part of French Polynesia.

1. Tahiti is one of the principal islands of the Society Islands.
2. The capital city is Papeete, on the island of Tahiti.
3. Papeete appears gracious and colorful.
4. Some aspects of Polynesian culture may seem unusual to tourists.
5. Polynesians settled the islands hundreds of years ago.
6. The islands must have seemed a paradise to those original settlers.
7. The island's exotic fruits may have tasted strange but delicious to them.
8. The French government claimed the fourteen islands.
9. Various writers and artists have illustrated the beauty of Tahiti.
10. Tahiti has spectacular waterfalls and streams.
11. Our first island adventure was a visit to a coral reef.
12. The island air smelled fresh and clean.
13. Islanders were selling fresh papayas.
14. During a hike in the mountains, I observed many kinds of wildlife.
15. The tropical vegetation was remarkable.
16. I saw bananas, coconuts, and papayas there.
17. Most of the islands' inhabitants are Polynesian.
18. Tahiti is certainly an extraordinary part of the world.
19. Our vacation in the Society Islands was too short.
20. This trip remains my all-time favorite vacation.