SUBJECT COMPLEMENTS

A subject complement completes the meaning of the subject of a sentence. A subject complement follows a linking verb and is a noun or an adjective. For each sentence below, underline the complement, and identify it as a noun or adjective complement.

EXAMPLE: Abdul became an Olympic swimmer. (noun complement)

1. After a three-hour exam, I felt drowsy and hungry.
2. Three hours of homework are essential for every hour of class time in college.
3. A World of Ideas is the name of our English textbook.
4. The air smells fresh after the rain.
5. His fiancée is a police officer.
6. The puppy seems happy to be outside.
7. Larry felt overwhelmed by the new computer program.
8. Pilar’s new car is a Mazda Miata.
9. Santa Ana winds feel hot and dry.
10. The company president sounded confident during the press conference.
12. Patricia’s running shoes look new.
13. This sandwich tastes stale.
14. Zack’s hair became gray years ago.
15. That assignment was a challenge for all of us.
16. The clock in the hallway was incorrect.
17. Who will become the next president?
18. Coffee smells good but tastes bitter.
19. The line at the admissions office was long.
20. That house seems quite old.