



But it was the end of the act,
and there was one final
piece to discover,
the **subject complement**,
and it was up there,
at the final summit,
at the top, in the blast,
with that howling fool madwind,
and as sunset fell, they climbed up
above the top of the page.

The last thing the author
wrote was their feet,
disappearing at the top of the page.

Except for Sidney.
She had no feet.

Her shell vanished up there,
and they were all gone
to another act
in the high wind, and darkness,
and ice, and snow,
and Dickinson, that howling lunatic.

Act Four: Linking Verb (LVP)

Example Sentences

Not all verbs are action verbs that show the subject doing something. Sometimes the verbs are linking verbs that link two things together and say they are one. Poodle **IS** a chicken. Can you tell the difference between an action verb and a linking verb? Notice: **Linking verbs never have direct objects; those only go with action verbs.** The official abbreviation for *linking verb predicate* is *LVP*.

Here are some example sentences. Let us look at these first, and then you can see some that you can solve on your own.

1.	Poodle	is	a	very	smart	chicken.
	n.	v.	adj.	adv.	adj.	n.
	subj.	LVP				

2.	Poodle	has	a	small	blue	crystal.
	n.	v.	adj.	adj.	adj.	n.
	subj.	AVP				D.O.

3.	Sidney	is	always	a	fast	runner.
	n.	v.	adv.	adj.	adj.	n.
	subj.	LVP				

4.	Gramlet	wrote	quickly	on	the	wall.
	n.	v.	adv.	prep.	adj.	n.
	subj.	AVP	(no D.O. in a prep. phrase)			

5. Gramlet is a sensible pika.
 n. v. adj. adj. n.
 subj. **LVP**
6. Sidney has a fragile crystal.
 n. v. adj. adj. n.
 subj. **AVP** D.O.
7. Sidney is a beautiful snail.
 n. v. adj. adj. n.
 subj. **LVP**
8. Gramlet **grabbed** the crystal from the wall.
 n. v. adj. n. prep. adj. n.
 subj. **AVP** D.O.
9. Poodle was a leader for the group.
 n. v. adj. n. prep. adj. n.
 subj. **LVP**
10. Gramlet never ate that sandwich.
 n. adv. v. adj. n.
 subj. **AVP** D.O.