

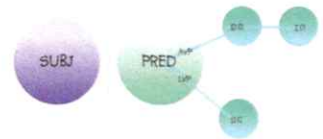
Elmer **is** a fuddyduddy.

See how the linking verb LINKS!
It makes a little equation,
saying that Elmer and fuddyduddy
are the same thing.

The subject complement
EQUALS the subject.

Elmer = fuddyduddy

Malcolm **is** a sailor.



TWO different names for ONE thing!
That is what a linking verb can do!
Now you know how sentences work!

If the verb is **ACTION**,
it might act on a direct object.
Bob **has** a dog.

If the verb is **LINKING**,
it might make an equation
with a subject complement.
Bob **is** a dog.