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EXERCISE 5 COMPLEMENTS

Identify the complements in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

d.o. = direct object

i.o. = indirect object

p.n. = predicate nominative

o.p. = object of preposition

p.a. = predicate adjective

- ___ 1. Boo wasn't crazy, he was high-strung at times.
- ___ 2. He was a thin leathery man with colorless eyes, so colorless they did not reflect light.
- ___ 3. Wooden sawhorses blocked the road at each end of the Radley lot, straw was put down on the sidewalk, traffic was diverted to the back street.
- ___ 4. In all his life, Jem had never declined a dare.
- ___ 5. Jem condescended to take me to school the first day, a job usually done by one's parents, but Atticus had said Jem would be delighted to show me where my room was.
- ___ 6. People caught hookworms going barefooted in barnyards and hog wallows.
- ___ 7. He charges some folks a bushel of potatoes for delivery of a baby.
- ___ 8. He was the filthiest human I had ever seen.
- ___ 9. "My shell's not that hard, child. I'm just a Baptist."
- ___ 10. Jem attached the note to the end of the fishing pole, let the pole out across the yard and pushed it toward the window he had selected.
- ___ 11. The second grade was grim, but Jem assured me that the older I got the better school would be, that he started off the same way, and it was not until one reached the sixth grade that one learned anything of value.
- ___ 12. They were almost perfect miniatures of two children.
- ___ 13. The following week the knot-hole yielded a tarnished medal.
- ___ 14. Eula May was Maycomb's leading telephone operator.

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- ___ 15. Jem’s mind was occupied mostly with the vital statistics of every college football player in the nation.
- ___ 16. “Mrs. Dubose was a morphine addict,” said Atticus.
- ___ 17. I brought him back some milk and half a pan of corn bread left over from supper.
- ___ 18. He had taken thirteen dollars from his mother’s purse, caught the nine o’clock from Meridian and got off at Maycomb Junction.
- ___ 19. We streaked across the square, across the street, until we were in the shelter of the Jitney Jungle door.
- ___ 20. As they passed under a streetlight, Atticus reached out and massaged Jem’s hair, his one gesture of affection.
- ___ 21. Children who slipped out at night were a disgrace to the family.
- ___ 22. “Mr. Cunningham was part of a mob last night, but he was still a man.”
- ___ 23. Every town the size of Maycomb had families like the Ewells.
- ___ 24. Mollified, Mayella gave Atticus a final terrified glance and said to Mr. Gilmer, “Well sir, I was on the porch and – and he came along and, you see, there was this old chiffarobe in the yard Papa’d brought in to chop up for kindlin’ . . .”
- ___ 25. “As you grow older, you’ll see white men cheat black men every day of your life, but let me tell you something and don’t you forget it – whenever a white man does that to a black man, no matter who he is, how rich he is, or how fine a family he comes from, that white man is trash.”