



VERBS: Transitive, Intransitive, Linking, and Helping

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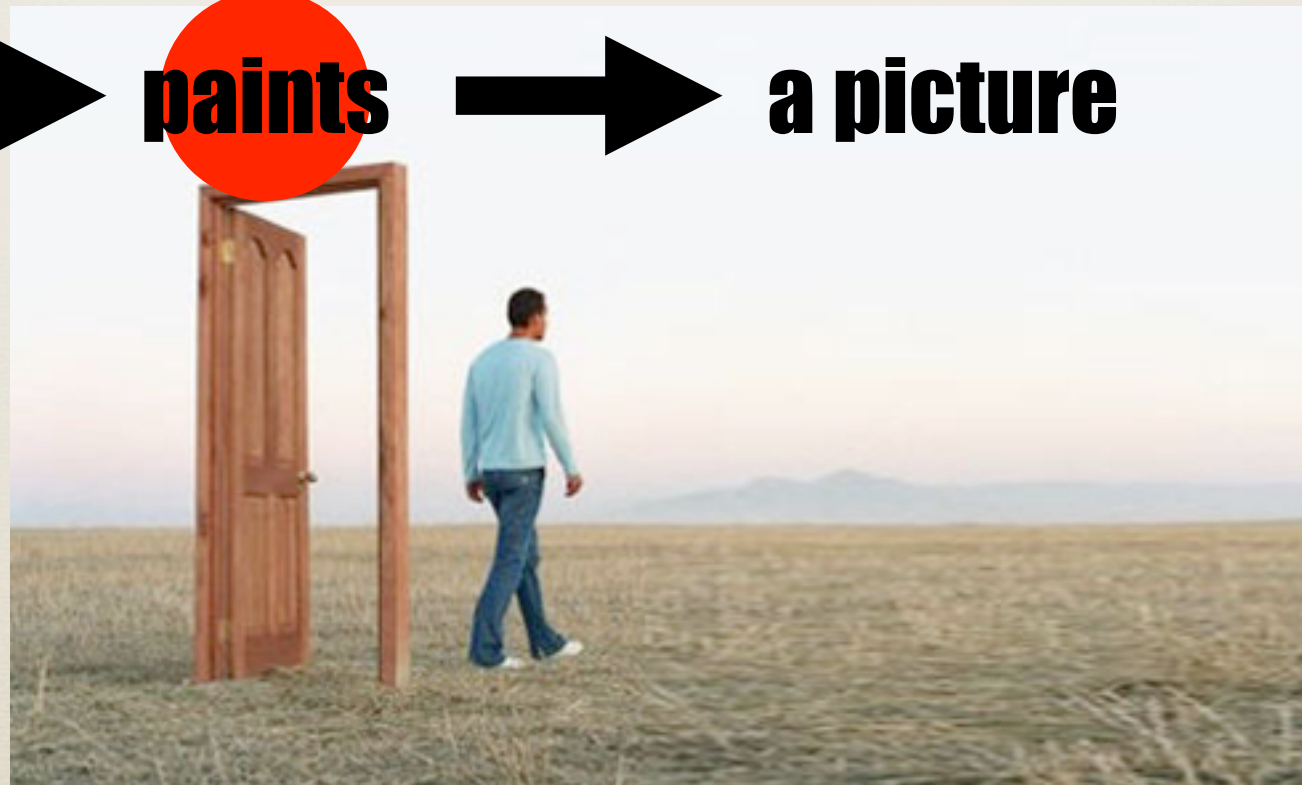
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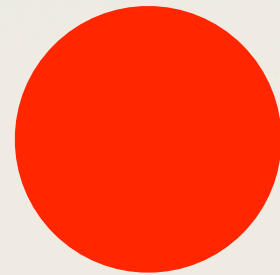


Transitive Verbs are like a door that opens to a land of objects.

Transitive Verb:

Takes an object

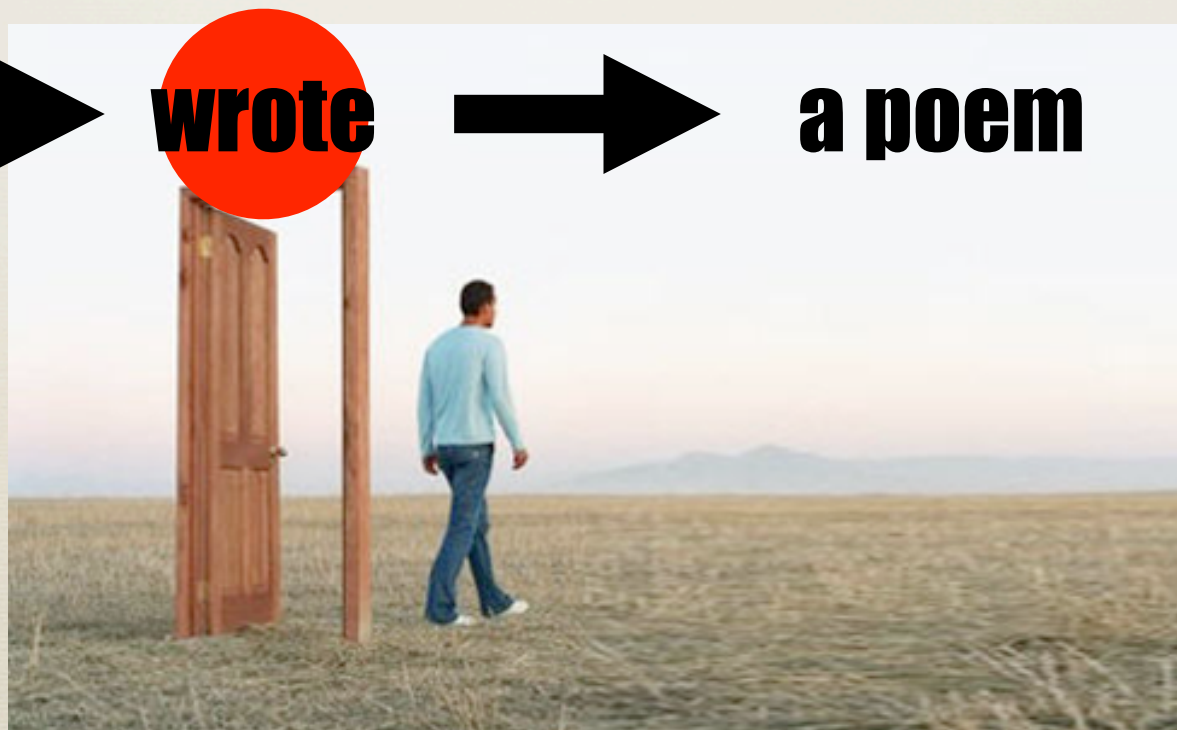
* Etymology: “**transire**” (Latin) meaning *to pass*



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Ellis wrote a poem.

Ellis → **wrote** → **a poem**



Transitive Verb: Practice

* Identify the transitive verb and the object in each sentence:

Antonio eats lima beans drenched in brown gravy.

Crystal likes her tea hot.

Father prefers his fish cooked.

He keeps his room messy.

The teacher considers the dictionary a tool.

The sister deems her brother a punk.



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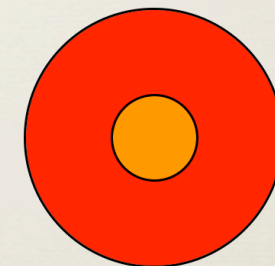
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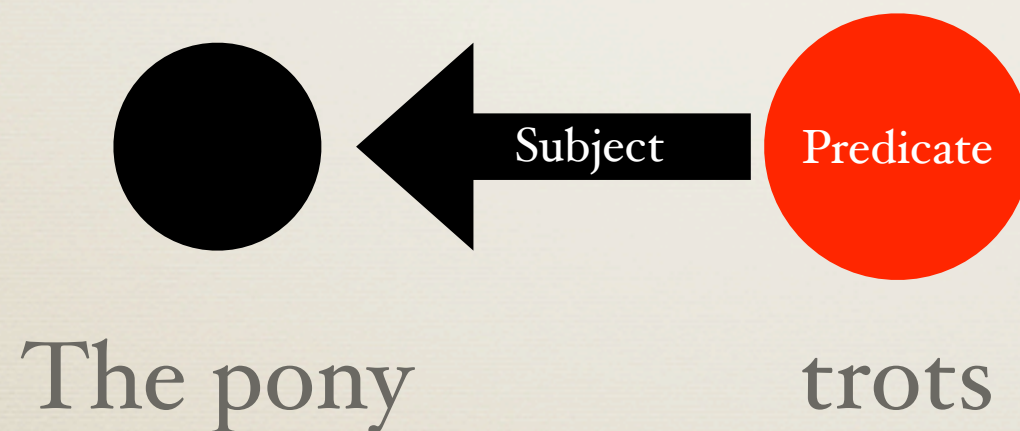
The action is not passed on to a direct object.

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The pony **trots**.

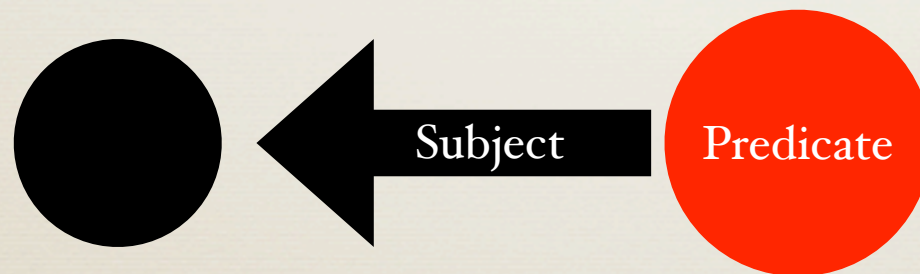


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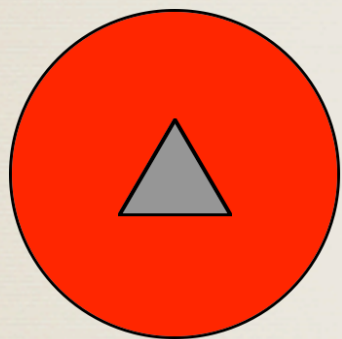
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Language *is* sweet.



The sunset *was* good.



Walden Green *is* a rockin' school.



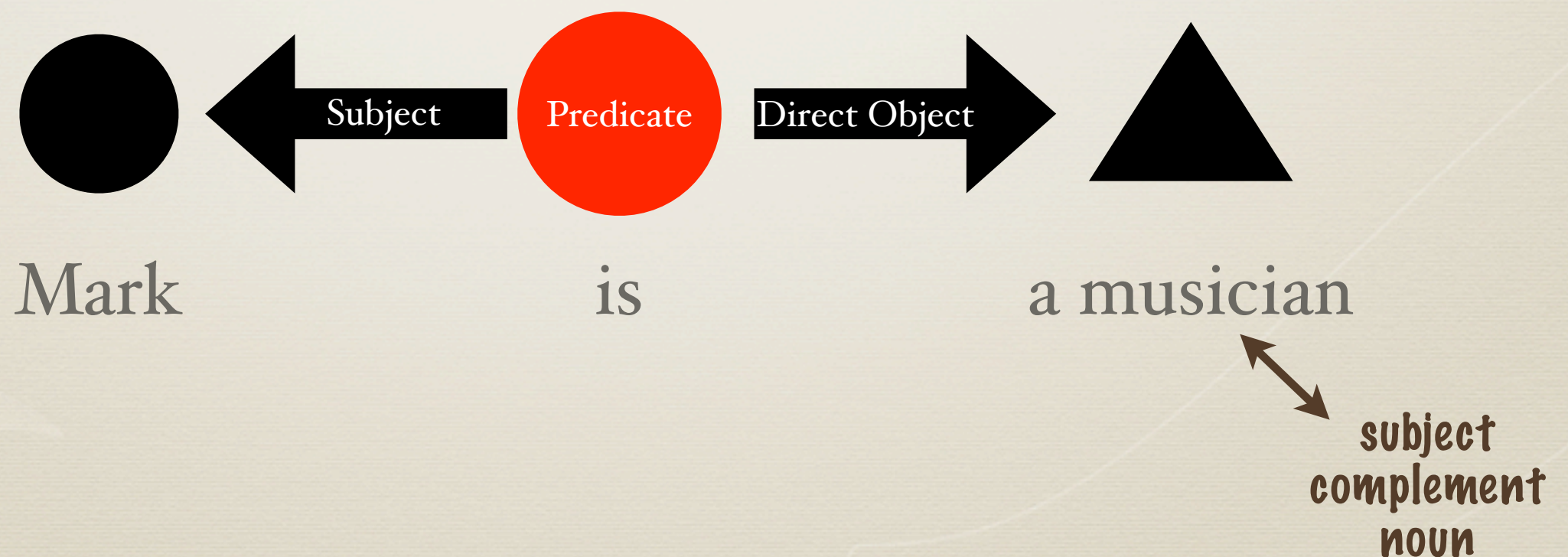
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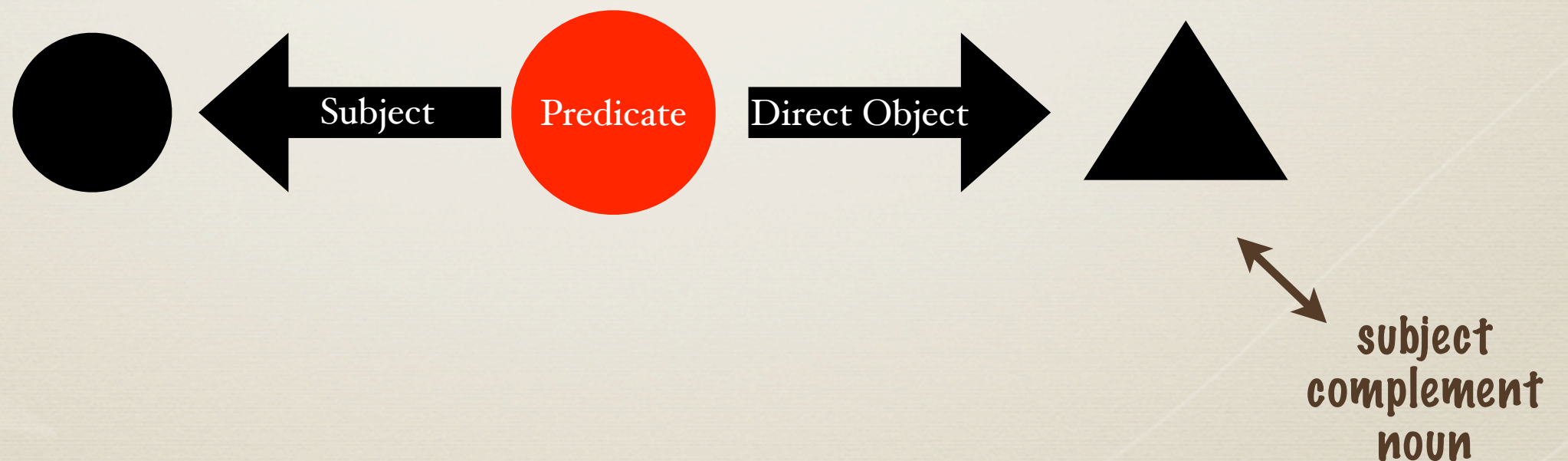


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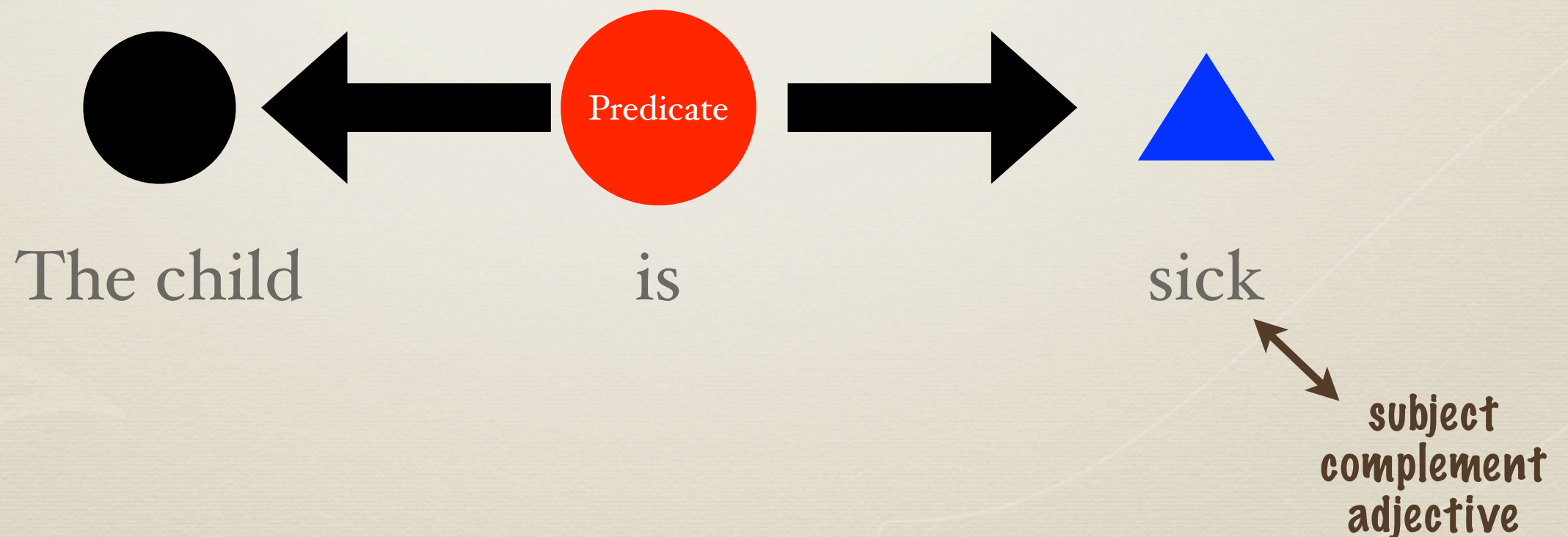


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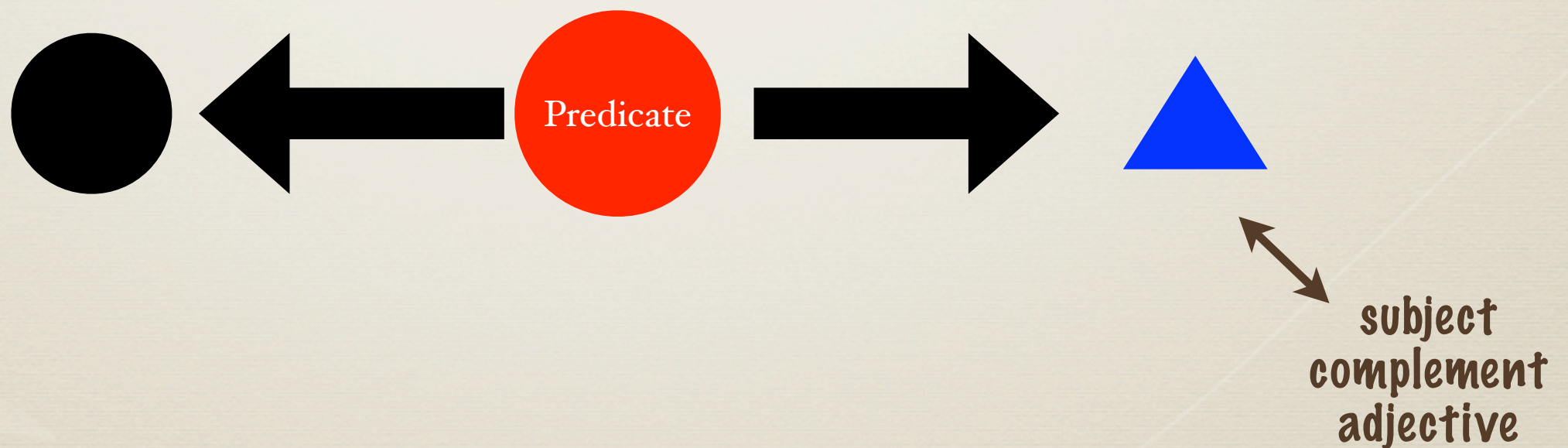


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What in the world is a **Helping Verb?**

* Let's look at some examples:

I may help you soon.

I must help you soon.

I should help you soon.


I can help you soon.

What's similar in each sentence?

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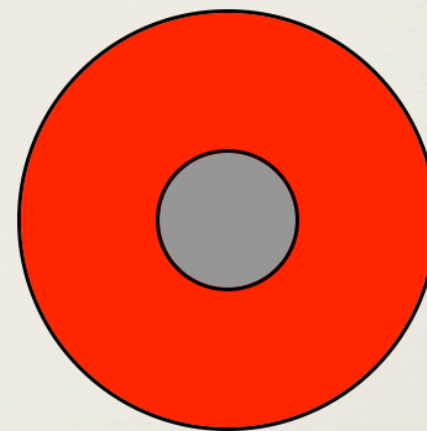

You **are** working.


She **has** asked a question.


We **can** stay up late.


We **should** love our enemies.


Life **has** taught us many lessons.



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A **helping verb** can also
be called an "**auxiliary verb**"

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The 23 helping verbs:

- is, am, are, was, were
- be, being, been
- has, have, had
- do, does, did
- will, shall, should, would
- can, could
- may, might, must

