

Subject Complements



A word that comes after a LINKING VERB and tells more about the subject.

There are two kinds:

- **Predicate Nominatives (noun)**
- **Predicate Adjectives**

Predicate Nominatives

- ★ **Noun or Pronoun**
- ★ **Comes after a LINKING VERB**
- ★ **Identifies the subject or refers to it.**

Mr. Richards ^{L.V.} is ^{P.N.} the mayor.

Predicate Nominative

vs. Direct Object

L.V. P.N.
Alice **was** a crazy cat.

A.V. d.o.
Alice **captured** a crazy cat.

* Notice the Word **CAT** is being used at both sentences. In the first sentence **CAT** works as a **Predicate Nominative** since it is following a Linking Verb. On the second sentence, the same word **CAT**, is being used as a **Direct Object** since it is following an Action Verb.

Predicate

Adjective

❑ ADJECTIVE in the predicate of a sentence

❑ Comes after a **LINKING VERB**

❑ Describes the subject

L.V. **P.A.**

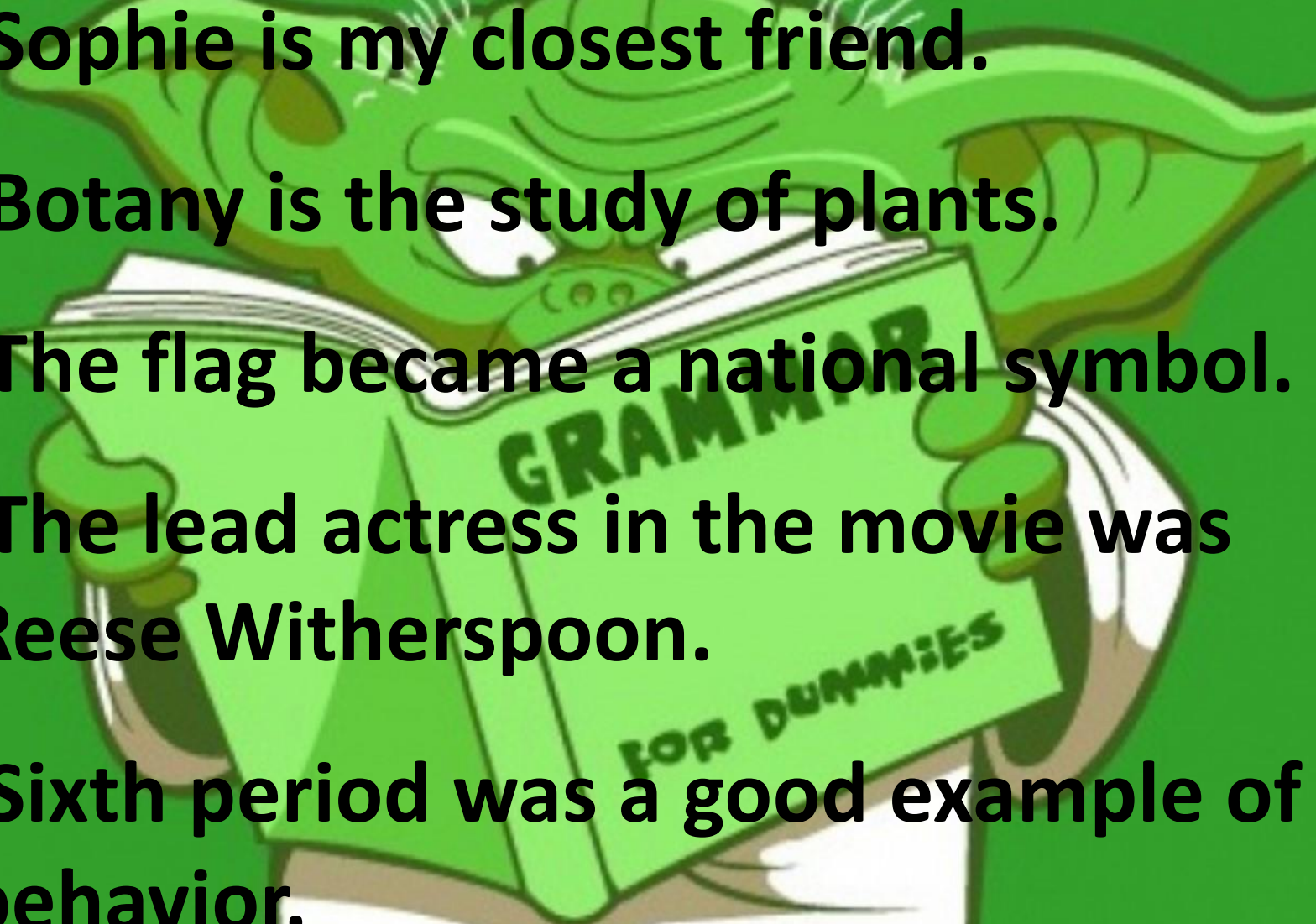
The cat **is** **crazy**!

Predicate Nominatives & Predicate Adjectives can be COMPOUND (more than 1)

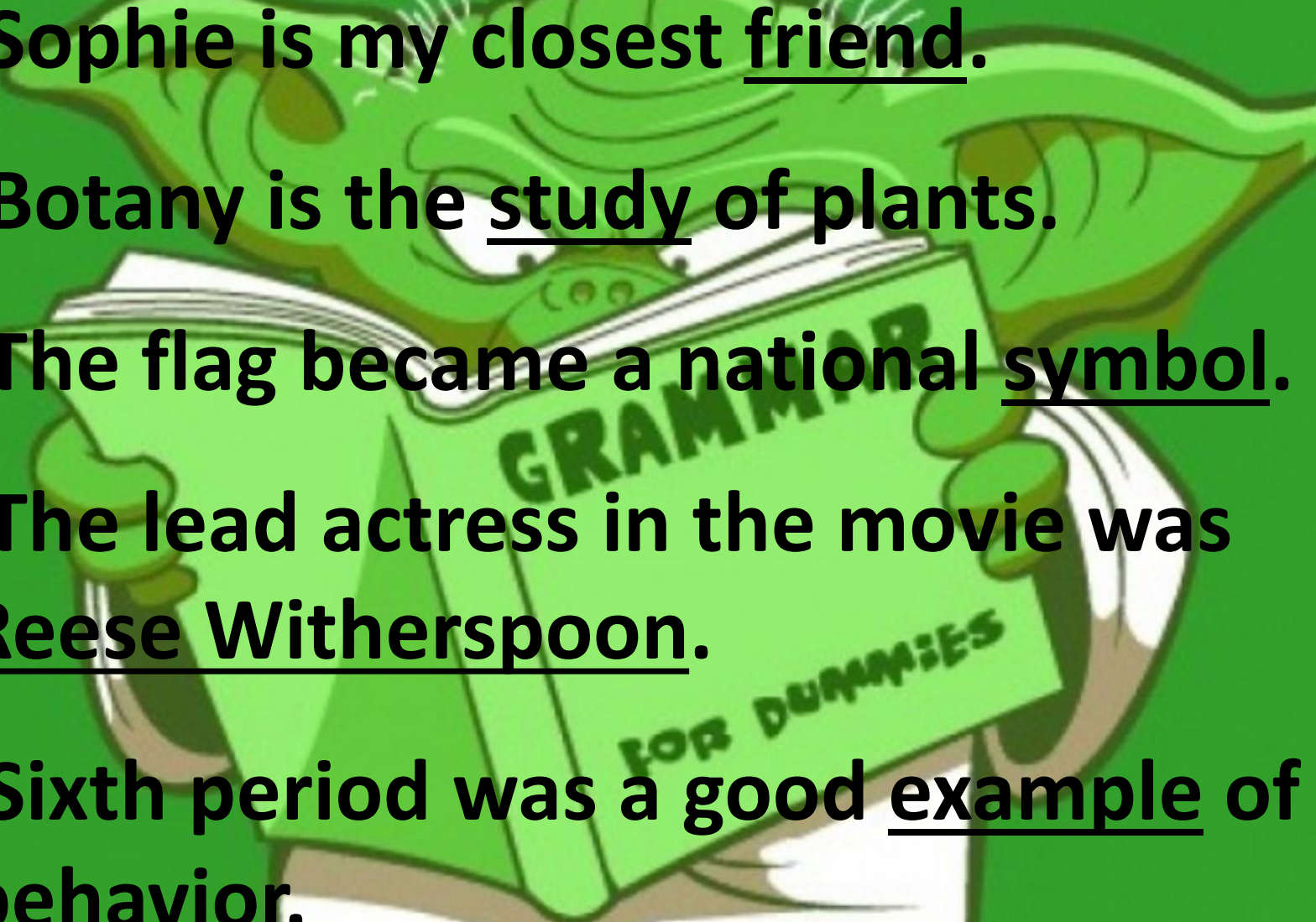
Whales are ^{P.N.} mammals

^{P.N.} and my friends.

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PREDICATE

NOMINATIVE OR

PREDICATE ADJECTIVE?

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Predicate Nominative

or Predicate

Adjective?

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