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is – linking verb

kayak – complement (a noun that renames the boat)



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looks – linking verb

rusty – complement (an adjective that describes the bicycle)



**Circle the linking verb in each sentence. Draw one line under the simple subject. Draw two lines under the complement.**

1. Sunsets at the beach are remarkably beautiful.
2. Mr. Hernandez was our soccer coach.

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7. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
8. I am a smart student!
9. My favorite subject is history.
10. That old sneaker smells moldy.

# ANSWER KEY

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