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   looks – linking verb  
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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.

3. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

4. I am a smart student!

5. My favorite subject is history.

6. That old sneaker smells moldy.
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