Module 1, Lesson 4: Identifying Subjects, Verb, Objects, and Complements
Quiz A

I. **The most fascinating year of Vincent's career was the last year of his life.**
Identify the subject, verb, and predicate complement for this sentence.

II. **An important step toward recovery of healthy self-esteem is deeper self-awareness.**
This question has two parts:
a) What is the grammatical subject?
b) Is 'self-awareness' a direct object or a predicate complement?

III. **I wondered if they were talking about me.**
Does this sentence have a direct object? If so, what is it? *Hint: You're probably going to need to use the direct object finder for this one*.

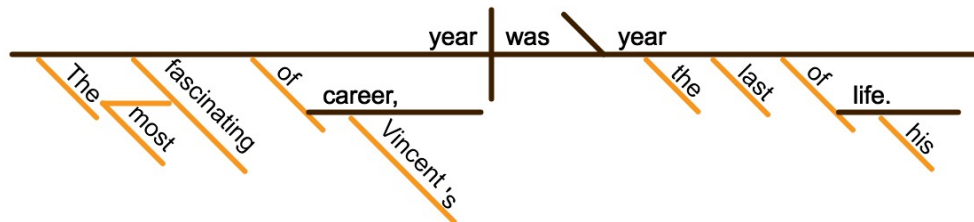IV. **In front of her was an old man who turned out to be George Jones.**
What are the subject and verb of this sentence? (You're going to need to use your Subject Finder on this one.)

1.4a Answer Key

I.   The subject is **year** (the first one), the verb is **was**, and the predicate complement is **year** (the second one).
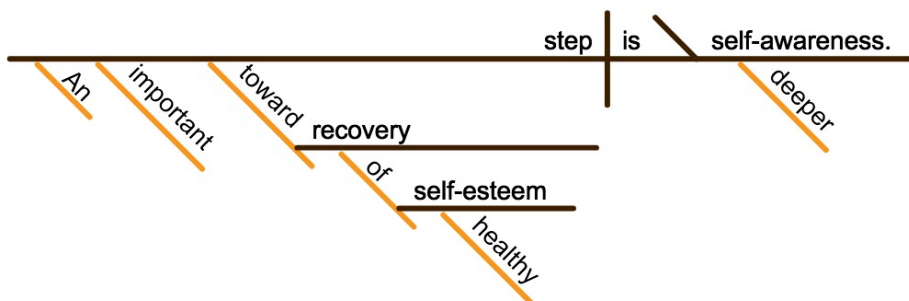
Here's the diagram:

year | was \ year

The / most / fascinating / of | career, / Vincent's / the \ last \ of | life. \ his

II.   The subject of this sentence is **step**. *Toward recovery* modifies *step*, and *of self-   esteem* modifies *recovery.*
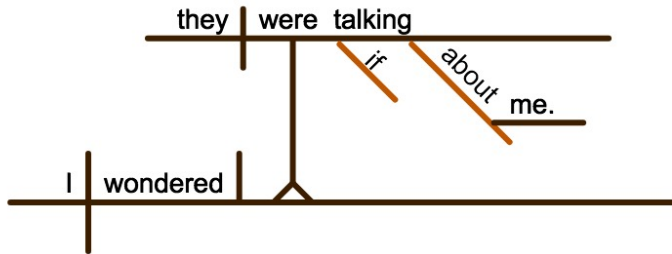
Self-awareness is a **predicate complement**. It renames *step*. The to-be verb *is* is a clue that we have a predicate complement rather than a direct object.

Here's the diagram:

step | is \ self-awareness.

An / important / toward | recovery / of | self-esteem / healthy \ deeper

III.   This sentence does have a direct object--the noun clause **if they were talking about me**. *I wondered what? If they were talking about me.* We will discuss noun clauses in Module 3. Meanwhile, bear in mind that the Direct Object Finder works not only with simple nouns, but with every kind of noun equivalent.

Here's the diagram:

IV.   Subject: **old man**
        Verb: **was**

Here's a simplified diagram (technically speaking, the verb in the 'who' clause is   'turned out' and 'to be George Jones' is an infinitive phrase serving as the predicate   complement, but at this point in our journey this simplified version seemed   adequate):