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Linking Verbs

Recognizing them:

Present Tense

I am happy.	We are happy too.
You are sad.	You all are sad.
She is mad.	They are mad.
The baboon is bad.	The baboons are bad.
She seems like the heroine.	They all seem like heroines.

Past Tense

I was happy.	We were happy too.
You were sad.	You all were sad too.
She was mad.	They were mad.
The baboon was bad.	The baboons were bad.
She seemed like the heroine.	They all seemed like heroines.

Replacing them:

Original Sentence

He was the hero. He led the chorus.

Omaha is a very nondescript city in Nebraska.
It is boring.

Sam was contemplating her existence.

It was 1945 when she was born. She led the revolution.

This is scary information.

Revised Sentence

As the hero, he led the chorus.
OR
He, the hero, led the chorus.

Omaha, a nondescript city in Nebraska, bores many people.

Sam contemplated her existence.

Born in 1945, she led the revolution.

Some characters find this information scary.