State whether the verbs in the following sentences are transitive or intransitive. Name the object of each transitive verb, and the complement of each verb of incomplete predication.

1. The sun rises in the east.
2. The dog barks.
3. He raised his hands.
4. The information proved false.
5. The child has fallen asleep.
6. The donkey kept braying.
7. The tea is hot.
8. The results are out.
9. She called again and again.
10. We are human beings.
11. The old man went mad.
12. She waited for the bus.
13. He told a story.
15. The sky is overcast.
16. Regular exercise made his muscles strong.
17. God called the light day.
18. They chose him their leader.
19. I consider the man trustworthy.
20. She called me a liar.

Answers

1. Intransitive verb – rises; complement – none
2. Intransitive verb – barks; complement – none
3. Transitive verb – raised; object – his hands
4. Intransitive verb – proved; complement – false
5. Intransitive verb – has fallen; complement – asleep
6. Transitive verb – kept; object – braying
7. Intransitive verb – is; complement – hot
8. Intransitive verb – are; complement – out
9. Intransitive verb – again; complement – none
10. Intransitive verb – are; complement – human beings
11. Intransitive verb – went; complement – mad
12. Intransitive verb – waited; complement – none
13. Transitive verb – told; object – story
14. Transitive verb – saw; object – him
15. Intransitive verb – is; object – overcast
16. Transitive verb – made; object – his muscles
17. Transitive verb – called; object – the light
18. Transitive verb – chose; object – him
19. Transitive verb – consider; object – man
20. Transitive verb – called; object – me

Notes

A transitive verb is a verb that takes an object after it. An intransitive verb is a verb that does not take an object after it.