Episode 094 – Grammar

Predicate nominatives

In some sentences, the subject has a complement which is also in the nominative case. This component, the subject complement, is also known as a predicate nominative. It provides more information about the subject.

Example:
*Die Liebe ist **dein Weg**.* - Wer oder was ist die Liebe? - ***Dein Weg**.*

Predicate nominatives follow verbs like "sein", "werden", "bleiben", "heißen" and "scheinen". These verbs connect the subject to a noun in the nominative. Together with that noun they are known as the predicate. That's why these nouns are also known as predicate nominatives.

More:

The subject and the predicate nominative usually reflect the same number. But sometimes one of the nominative components is singular and the other is plural. In that case, the verb is always in the plural.

Examples:
*Die größte Freude **sind** seine Kinder.*
*Die Kinder **sind** seine größte Freude.*

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