



Bayview High

Striking Distance Chapter 7: Know Your Enemy

Working with Words—Sentence Parts: Predicates

The **predicate** of a sentence is the part that names the action or state of being. It tells what is happening and includes verbs and adverbs.

For example:

All of the fans **cheered loudly**.

Underline the **predicates** in each of the following sentences:

1. Alejandro dumped his books in his locker.
2. The gymnastics team was practising.
3. The coach blew the whistle.
4. Practice starts at 3:15.
5. A few guys muttered.

Expand the sentences above by adding descriptive phrases to the predicates.

For example:

1. Alejandro dumped his science and math books into his messy locker.

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____