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The banner at the finish line waved in the gentle wind.
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The complete predicate of the sentence is what the subject is doing. To find the complete predicate look for the verb and the words that follow.
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The winner’s trophy sparkled in the sunlight.
A swarm of bees collected pollen from the flowers.
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