



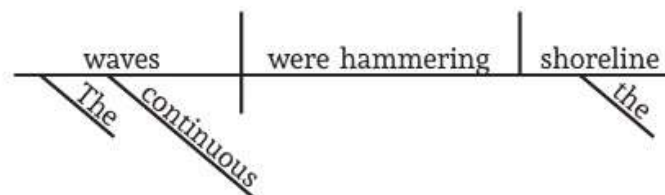
## Well-Ordered Language Teacher Training Level 4A with Tammy Peters

### Chapter 2: Predicate Verbs, Predicate Nominatives & Predicate Adjectives

#### Outline:

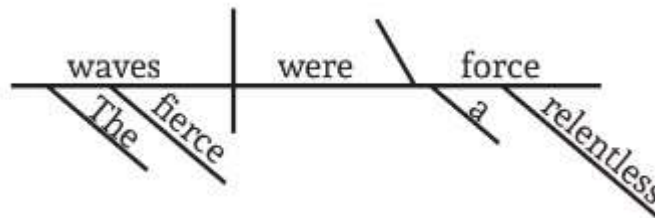
#### Predicate Verbs, Predicate Nominatives, & Predicate Adjectives

- Predicate Verbs
- Sentence: **The continuous waves were hammering the shoreline.**
  - (First, read the sentence aloud.) “The continuous waves were hammering the shoreline.”
  - “This is a sentence, and it is declarative.”
  - “This sentence is about waves. So, waves is the subject because it is what the sentence is about.” (Underline the subject and write S above it.)
  - “This sentence tells us that waves were hammering. So, were hammering is the predicate because it is what the sentence tells us about waves. It is a predicate verb because it shows action. There is no linking verb because predicate verbs do not need linking verbs.” (Double underline the predicate and write PV above the action verb.) “Were is the helping verb because it helps the verb.” (Write hv above the helping verb.)
  - “Shoreline tells us what waves were hammering. So, shoreline is an objective element because it completes the meaning of the action verb. It is a direct object because it tells us what waves were hammering.” (Draw a circle around the word and write do underneath the direct object.)
  - “The is an adjective (article).” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
  - “Continuous tells us what kind of waves. So, continuous is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective.” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
  - “The is an adjective (article).” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)





- Predicate Nominatives
- Sentence: **The fierce waves were a relentless force.**
  - (First, read the sentence aloud.) “The fierce waves were a relentless force.”
  - “This is a sentence, and it is declarative.”
  - “This sentence is about waves. So, waves is the subject because it is what the sentence is about.” (Underline the subject and write S above it.)
  - “This sentence tells us that waves were force. So, were force is the predicate because it is what the sentence tells us about waves. It is a predicate nominative because it renames the subject.” (Double underline the linking verb and write PN above the noun.) “Were is the linking verb because it joins the subject to the predicate.” (Write lv above the linking verb.)
  - “Relentless tells us what kind of force. So, relentless is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective.” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
  - “A tells us how many force. So, a is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective (article).” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
  - “Fierce tells us what kind of waves. So, fierce is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective.” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
  - “The is an adjective (article).” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)



- Predicate Adjectives
- Sentence: **The merciless waves were looking very fierce.**
  - (First, read the sentence aloud.) “The merciless waves were looking very fierce.”
  - “This is a sentence, and it is declarative.”
  - “This sentence is about waves. So, waves is the subject because it is what the sentence is about.” (Underline the subject and write S above it.)
  - “This sentence tells us that waves were looking fierce. So, were looking fierce is the predicate because it is what the sentence tells us about waves. It is a predicate adjective because it describes a quality of



the subject.” (Double underline the linking verb phrase and write PA above the adjective.) “Were looking is the linking verb because it joins the subject to the predicate.” (Write lv centered above both were and looking, which is the linking verb phrase.)

- “Very tells us how fierce. So, very is an adverbial element because it modifies an adjective. It is an adverb.” (Draw the modifying lines and write adv in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
- “Merciless tells us what kind of waves. So, merciless is an adjectival element because it modifies a noun. It is an adjective.” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)
- “The is an adjective (article).” (Draw the modifying lines and write adj in the elbow opposite the line with the arrow.)

