

in making the assertion. In the first sentence the predicate is "strikes the dog," and the *verb* is "strikes;" in the second sentence the predicate is "sings a song," and the *verb* is "sings."

4. Frequently there are many words in the predicate. Thus—

Some birds of prey, having secured their victim, *fly very swiftly with it to their nests.*

Here the predicate consists of all the words printed in *italics*; but the *verb* is the single word "fly."

Name the verbs in the following sentences :

1. After school the children went to town. 2. Home they brought her warrior dead. 3. The wild goats live among the rocks. 4. Some birds fly very swiftly. 5. The camel is the ship of the desert. 6. The little girl said, "We are seven." 7. The moon revolves around the earth. 8. Studious boys become learned men.

Exercise 6.

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Add *verbs* to the following :

1. The boy —. 2. The girl —. 3. The birds —. 4. The clock —. 5. Kings —. 6. The sun —.

1. The apple — sour. 2. The grapes — ripe. 3. James — here yesterday. 4. Soldiers —. 5. Health —. 6. London —. 7. The lion —.