

Masterpiece Sentences Step 2

This sentence could use a lot of work. And the next step is to paint the predicate where we get to answer these questions, How? When? And where?

So our verb is fly. So how did these birds fly? When and where did they fly? Answering these questions will really help us describe the scene more effectively.

So the first one is, how are they flying? Look at these birds. Look at their wings here. Their wings are all spread out. So let's say that they are flying with wings outstretched. Yeah, that doesn't sound too bad.

And when are they flying? Well, the sun seems like it's pretty close to the horizon. It could be sunset in this picture or sunrise. Let's say sunset. At sunset.

And where are they flying? Well, it's a little dark but, you can see here, there are some waves underneath them. They're flying over the sea. So let's say over the waves. And now, we've got a much better idea of what's happening in the predicate of this sentence. So we'll put it all together.

The birds fly with wings outstretched at sunset over the waves. Very nice. And keep in mind that this whole part is still our predicate. We're just filling in the details of it.

So think we've done a pretty good job at painting the predicate. Let's move on to step three.
