Simple Predicates

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Read each sentence. Draw a line under the complete predicate. Circle the simple predicate.

1. Jordan slept on the couch.
2. The tiny ladybug landed on my arm.
3. The gray spider spun a beautiful web.
4. The bedroom door slammed shut.
5. My friends and I played lacrosse in the field behind the school.
6. Sara picked a stick up from the ground.
7. The brown cow grazed in the meadow.
8. Mark sneezed loudly.
9. We raced go-carts around the track.
10. Marcia baked a chocolate cake in the oven.
11. The candles on the birthday cake burned brightly.
12. Isabella opened up her umbrella.
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