

The terms, 'predicate' and 'predicator' are terms of quite different sorts. Example A tall, handsome stranger entered the saloon This sentence has just one predicator, enter, but the sentence also contains the words tall, handsome, stranger, and saloon, all of which are predicates, and can function as predicators in other sentences, e.g. John is tall, He is handsome, He is a stranger, and That ramshackle building is a saloon. The term 'predicate' identifies elements in the language system, independently of particular example sentences. Thus, it would make sense to envisage a list of the predicates of English, as included, say, in a dictionary.