

# READING STRATEGIES 1

## FINDING THE VERB

When you have a very long sentence which is difficult to comprehend, it helps to locate the subject and the verb to help you understand the main idea of that sentence. Read the sentences and write the **BASE FORM** of the verb on the right side.

1. Since founding *The Raw Talent Agency* in 2004, we've seen the number of applicants rocket from a few hundred a year to almost fifty times that
2. As a result, many of us (including me!) arrived without all the right gear or equipment for a jungle expedition.
3. Most of the other actors I've met, people working with my mother, strike me as very arrogant people;
4. I know she also thinks - as I do - that there aren't so many jobs available in pure research, which is what she does.
5. Over the preceding two months, many of the scheduled ferries had been cancelled because of high seas.
6. Since then, they have learned to set aside four months on location to gather sufficient material for each half-hour film.
7. This is why a kingfisher may appear to change from bright blue to rich emerald green with only a slight change in the angle at which light falls on it.
8. I realize that seems ridiculous for something that's been so successful.

