

Diction

Consider:

Meanwhile, the United States Army, **thirsting** for revenge, was **prowling** the country north and west of the Black Hills, killing Indians wherever they could be found.

— Dee Brown, *Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee*

Discuss:

1. What are the connotations of *thirsting*? What feelings are evoked by this diction?
2. What are the connotations of *prowling*? What kind of animals prowl? What attitude toward the U.S. army does this diction convey?

Apply:

Use an eating or drinking verb in a sentence which expresses anger about a parking ticket. Do not use the verb to literally express eating or drinking. Instead, express your anger through the verb. Use Brown's sentence as a model. Share your sentence with a partner.