

Fun with “Thesaurus” Wildcard Assignment

AS THE DISMISSAL BELL RANG AND THE ANXIETY OF THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CEASED, THE IMMINENT CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE SENT/PRODUCED/FIRED A SECOND DARK CLOUD OF DESPAIR LOOMING OVER ME.

I certainly felt despairing as I left the first school day (with a great deal of work) to cross country practice (a great deal of pain), but I didn't really know how that despair came over me. I think that "sent" is a common and accurate term to use, but its meaning is very general: to send is essential to move something (my way). It shows the simple cause-and-effect of the practice to me. "Produced" is more specific, but it implies creation or assembly, which is less accurate because I knew that practice was inevitable; the despair had started to gather before this moment. Then, I chose the word "fired," similar to "sent," but invoking a more angry emotion like firing a gun. Like "sent," I feel like this word is more accurate than "produced," but is more appropriate than "sent" because of its more negative and angry connotation that fits the hopeless and sudden feeling of despair I felt.