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# Strong Verbs

Read the paragraph about baseball player Mark McGwire. The writing is not as clear or as interesting as it could be. Your job: replace each italicized verb with a strong verb that helps the reader visualize the action and fits the mood of the story. Then rewrite the paragraph on the lines below using your word choices.

Mighty Mark McGwire stood over home plate. In the grip of his thick hands, the bat looked like a twig. He *looked* at the pitcher. The pitcher *threw* the ball a little low. Bam! McGwire *hit* the ball with all his 250 pounds. He *ran* towards first base. He watched the ball fly 458 feet, over the left center field fence. "It's a home run," *said* the umpire. The crowd *stood up* and clapped as he *went* toward home.

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