

## TRADITIONAL GRAMMAR REVIEW

### I. Parts of Speech

Traditional grammar recognizes eight parts of speech:

Part of Speech	Definition	Example
noun	A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing.	<i>John</i> bought the <i>book</i> .
verb	A verb is a word which expresses action or state of being.	Ralph <i>hit</i> the ball hard.  Janice <i>is</i> pretty.
adjective	An adjective describes or modifies a noun.	The <i>big, red</i> barn burned down yesterday.
adverb	An adverb describes or modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb.	He <i>quickly</i> left the room.  She fell down <i>hard</i> .
pronoun	A pronoun takes the place of a noun.	<i>She</i> picked <i>someone</i> up today
conjunction	A conjunction connects words or groups of words.	Bob <i>and</i> Jerry are going.  <i>Either</i> Sam <i>or</i> I will win.
preposition	A preposition is a word that introduces a phrase showing a relation between the noun or pronoun in the phrase and some other word in the sentence.	The dog <i>with</i> the shaggy coat  He went <i>past</i> the gate.  He gave the book <i>to</i> her.
interjection	An interjection is a word that expresses strong feeling.	Wow! Gee! Whew!  (and other four letter words.)