PARTS OF SPEECH

NOUN: Name of a person, place, thing or quality.

(examples: Billy, Chicago, pencil, courage).

PRONOUN: Word used in place of a noun.

(examples: he, she, it, they, we).

ADJECTIVE: Word that describes or limits a noun or pronoun.

(examples: big, blue, mean, pretty).

VERB: Word expressing action or state of being.

(examples: write, kiss, is, feels).

ADVERB: Word used to modify the meaning of a verb, adjective, or another adverb.

(examples: always, once, quickly, too, there).

PREPOSITION: Word used to show the relation between two or more things.

(examples: to, at, under, into, between).

CONJUNCTION: Word used to join a word or group of words with another word or group of words.

INTERJECTION: An exclamation.

(examples: oh!, wow!).

GRAMMAR

Subject: The something or someone talked about or doing the action in a sentence.

(ex.: President Johnson disliked his portrait.)

Predicate: The verb plus all its modifiers and complements.

(ex.: President Johnson disliked his portrait.)

Fused Sentence: Two sentences run together with no punctuation between them.

(ex.: President Johnson disliked his portrait he felt it made him look too old.)

Comma Splice: Two sentences separated only by a comma.

(ex.: President Johnson disliked his portrait, he felt it made him look too old.)

Fragment: A group of words presented as a sentence but which lacks the elements of a sentence.

(ex.: Once upon a time.)

Sentence: A group of words containing a subject, a verb, and expressing a complete thought.

(ex.: Once upon a time, Jack and Jill tumbled down the hill.)

HELPING VERBS

will be being would been must do am did is are does have was has were may had might having can shall could should

PREPOSITIONS

about beyond over above by since down through across after during to toward against for from along under among in underneath around inside until into at up like before upon behind near with below of within without beneath off besides on between onto

- 1. A preposition shows a relationship between a noun or a pronoun and another word in the sentence.
- 2. A preposition is always completed by a noun; this noun is called the object of the preposition.

Mary put her book <u>on</u> the <u>table</u>. (**on** is the prep. and **table** is the object of the prep.)

3. The entire group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun is called a prepositional phrase.

Mary put her book on the table. (on the table is the prepositional phrase)