



See?

That was not all
that Poodle thought, see?

He thought for a long
time about *a*, *an*, and *the*.

Gradually he saw that
they were adjectives—three!
They were little, like fleas,
but they modified nouns.

<i>the</i> bird	<i>a</i> bird
<i>the</i> word	<i>a</i> word
<i>the</i> apple	<i>an</i> apple
<i>the</i> duck	<i>a</i> duck
<i>the</i> rock	<i>a</i> rock
<i>the</i> sock	<i>a</i> sock
<i>the</i> ogre	<i>an</i> ogre
<i>the</i> snake	<i>a</i> snake
<i>the</i> lake	<i>a</i> lake
<i>an</i> arbor	<i>a</i> harbor
<i>the</i> rain	<i>a</i> rain
<i>the</i> herd	<i>a</i> herd
<i>the</i> essay	<i>an</i> essay
<i>the</i> paragraph	<i>a</i> paragraph
<i>the</i> thought	<i>a</i> thought

What? watched Poodle think
about *a*, *an*, and *the*,
like little wee particles,
which are called *articles*.
What? made a big stink,
saying, “What-what-what-what-what?”

There was one more problem
that came to Poodle’s mind.
It was not well-defined.

Adjectives modify nouns, true,
but **they modify pronouns, too—**
stick to them like glue.

