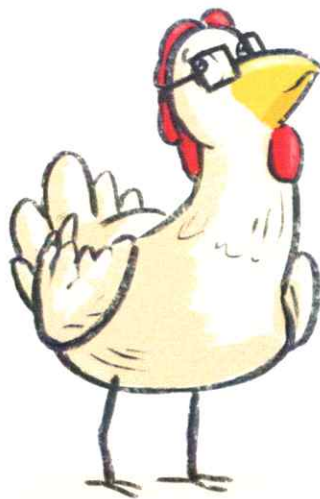


Chapter One: Blue Mountain Review

This is the third book in Poodle's story. The first two books focus on grammar, especially the **parts of speech**, and the **parts of the sentence**. Let us review those two elements as we head into the elements of poetry in Chapter Two. That will give us a stream that flows from the first book, *Poodle Knows What?*, through the second book, *Poodle and the Blue Mountain Monster*, to this, our third book.

If you are already comfortable with this content, you can skip forward to Chapter Two. If you would like to review the grammar ideas first, then this is the perfect point to do that. Either way, have fun.



The Parts of Speech

The two main kinds of words are the noun and the verb. The other six kinds of words work to create options for the noun and verb. Here we think about words one at a time. Notice: There are only eight kinds of words.

noun (n.): the name of a person, place, or thing

pronoun (pron.): a word that takes the place of a noun

adjective (adj.): a word that modifies a noun or a pronoun

verb (v.): a word that shows action or links a subject to a subject complement

adverb (adv.): a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

preposition (prep.): a word that shows a relationship between its object and another word in the sentence

conjunction (conj.): a word that joins two words or two groups of words

interjection (interj.): a word that shows emotion but has no grammatical function

The Parts of the Sentence

Here we look at how the parts of speech combine to make ideas that we call sentences.

subject (subj.): a noun or a pronoun that the sentence is about

action verb predicate (AVP): a verb that shows action

linking verb predicate (LVP): a verb that links a subject to a subject complement

direct object (D.O.): a noun or a pronoun that receives the action of an action verb

indirect object (I.O.): a word located between the AVP and the D.O. that is indirectly affected by the action

subject complement (S.C.): a noun, pronoun, or adjective that is linked to the subject by a linking verb

The	old	chicken	ate	the	biscuit.
		subj.	AVP		D.O.

The	new	season	was	a	beauty.
		subj.	LVP		S.C.