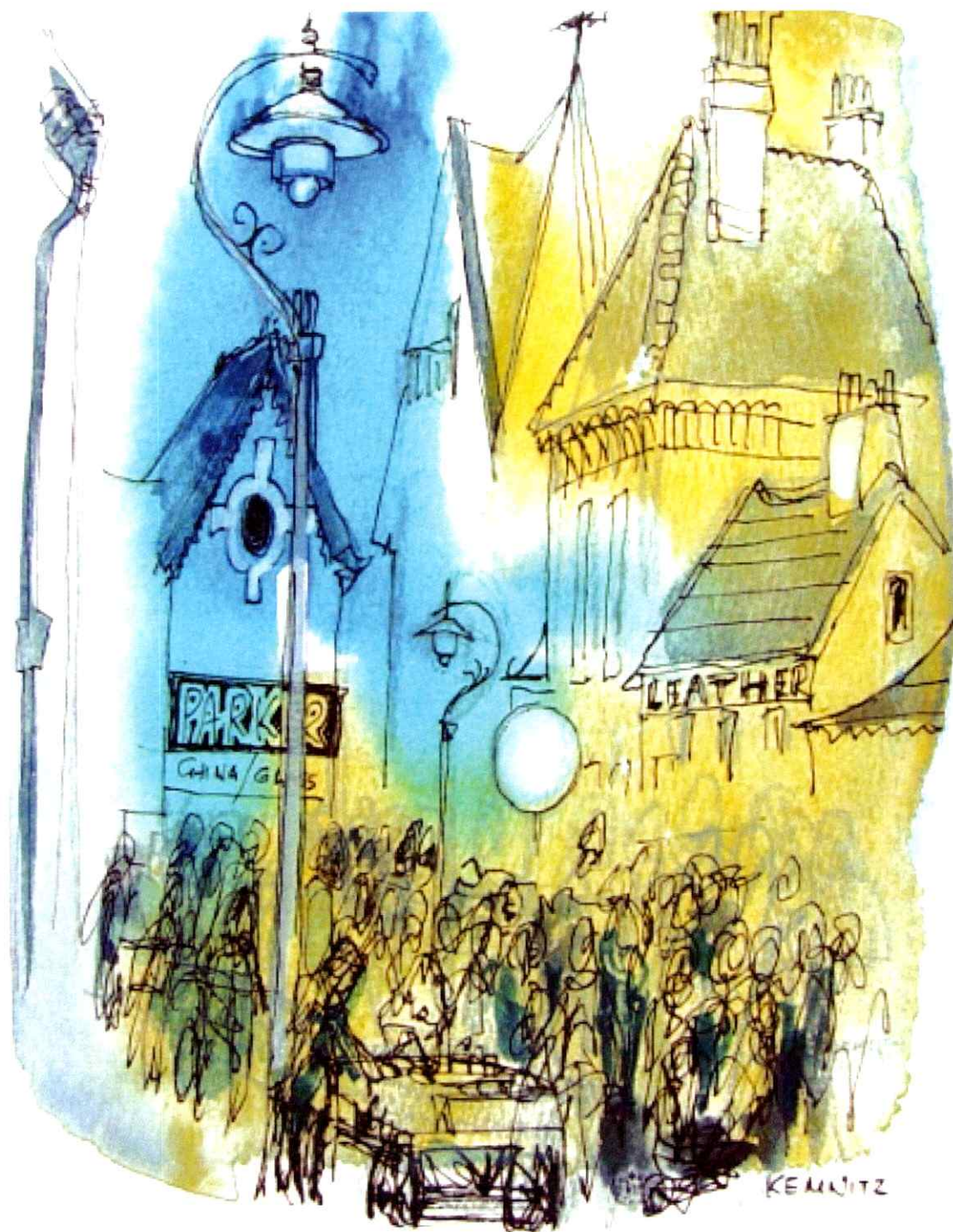


Level Two: The Parts of the Sentence





So, how do the eight kinds of words
work together?

Usually the noun, pronoun, and adjective
say what we are talking about,
and the verb, adverb, preposition,
conjunction, and interjection
say something about it.
This complete, two-part idea
is called a *SENTENCE*.

Every sentence has two parts:
what it is about, called the *SUBJECT*,
and what we say about the subject,
called the *PREDICATE*.

These two parts must make
a complete thought,
or else it is not a sentence
but only a sentence *fragment*.



Do you remember
that the noun and the verb
are the two main parts of speech?
Well, now we see these two in a new way.

In a sentence the noun or its pronoun
becomes the basis of the subject, and
the verb becomes the basis of the predicate.

SUBJECT

Carlos
Angelena
The old priory
The blue cab
The water supply
The canal
His countenance
The blue sky

PREDICATE

is the owner of the shop.
walked down Main Street.
is a huge building.
stopped at the corner
comes from the mountain.
was good for commerce.
seemed grim and tragic.
looked serene.

Notice that the verb is always in the predicate.

We call the verb the *simple predicate*.

The *complete predicate* is the verb and all
other words that talk about the subject.

When we say *predicate*, we usually will mean
simple predicate—the verb.