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## TO THE TEACHER

Many of the lessons in the book may be done orally, as a class. For example, I suggest that for Lesson 1, Exercise C (p. 10 in the textbook) you have the students select one of their best sentences, write it on the board, and have the class identify the nouns. You could probably have two or three students writing their sentences on the board at once.

The following schedule will cover this text in a semester. If you prefer to go slower, divide it in half and take a year. Most important for the student is not how fast they go, but how well they learn the material.

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# UNIT 1 THE EIGHT CLASSES OF WORDS

#### **LESSON 1: NOUNS**

#### EXERCISE B

- 1. crack, rocks, grains, substance, recesses
- spring, summer, tails, wind, tails, things, will, direction, wind
- leaves, deal, noise, wind
- time, tree, wind, tail, creature, appendage, summer-time, peacock, expanse, plumage

#### EXERCISE E

The nouns of direct address are in bold.

- "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself." (Acts 26:2)
- But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason." (Acts 26:25)
- Sarah repeated the story her dad told her about Grandpa's Medal of Honor.
- "But, Mom, I didn't know you were here yet."
- Correct.
- "I'd like to introduce you, Mom and Dad, to my math teacher," said the young man nervously.

#### **LESSON 2: VERBS**

#### EXERCISE D

- 1. will become
- seems
- will be
- is
- 5. must be

#### EXERCISE E

Action, helping, and linking verbs are in bold. Linking verbs are also underlined.

- Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have defrauded no one. (2 Cor. 7:2)
- Great <u>is</u> my boldness of speech toward you . . . . I am filled with comfort. I <u>am</u> exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. (2 Cor. 7:4)
- But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (2 Cor. 9:6)

- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thought He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)
- Then Gideon went up by the road of those who dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked the army while the camp <u>felt</u> secure. (Judg. 8:11)

#### REVIEW EXERCISE A

- 1. brevity, soul, wit; linking verb: is
- boys, tickets, game; verb: were (helping verb) selling
- 3. cars, clouds, dust; verbs: raced, raised
- woods, colors, autumn; verbs: walked, enjoyed
- paint, sides, barn; verbs: was (helping) peeling

#### REVIEW EXERCISE B

#### **Nouns**

- houses, advantage, coachmen, chairmen, porters, boys, London (proper), portion
- marks, ignorant, shops, signs, aspect, streets.
- evening, difficulty, danger, walking\*,
   London (proper), windows, pails, regard.
- falls, bruises, bones, occurrence, year, reign, Charles the Second (proper), streets, darkness.
- thieves, robbers, trades, impunity, citizens, class, ruffians.
- \* Walking, though it can be a verb, is used here to name an activity.

amusement, gentlemen, night, town, windows, sedans, men, caresses, women.

#### Verbs

- were numbered, have been, could read.
- was, (to use<sup>†</sup>), could understand, were distinguished, gave.
- closed, became, were opened, were emptied, were passing.
- 4. were, were left.
- 5. plied, were.
- was, (to swagger†), breaking, upsetting, beating, offering.

#### LESSON 3: ADJECTIVES

#### EXERCISE B

- 1. A, the, blank
- 2. An, a, a
- 3. The
- 4. Blank, a

#### EXERCISE E

- 1. quiet, old: town; prettiest: place.
- long, wide: streets; gigantic, American (proper adjective): elms; drooping: branches; graceful: arches.
- small, gay: flower-gardens; massive: chimney-stacks; protruding: eaves.
- 4. beautiful: river; tiny: islands.
- † A verb with to in front of it is an *infinitive*, and not a verb. Infinitives will be treated in the unit on verbals. In sentence 2, the infinitive to use modifies necessary as an adverb. In sentence 6, the infinitive to swagger is an adjective modifying amusement.

#### EXERCISE F

Abbreviations for descriptive adjective (D), limiting adjective (L), possessive adjective (P), definite article (DA), and indefinite article follow each underlined word in parentheses.

I remember him as if it were yesterday, as he came plodding to the (DA) inn (D) door, his (P) sea (D)-chest following behind him in a (IA) hand (D)-barrow; a (IA) tall (D), strong (D), heavy (D), nut-brown (D) man; his (P) tarry (D) pigtail falling over the (DA) shoulder of his (P) soiled (D) blue (D) coat, his (P) hands ragged (D) and scarred (D), with black (D), broken (D) nails, and the (DA) sabre (D) cut across one (L) cheek, a (IA) dirty (D), livid (D) white (D).

#### LESSON 4: ADVERBS

#### EXERCISE B

Adjectives: The, merry, little, the, tall

Nouns: man, branch, tree

Verbs: sang

Adverbs: cheerily, very

#### EXERCISE E

- Yesterday, today, and forever all modify the adjective same. They are all simple adverbs of time.
- Out modifies the verb went and is a simple adverb of place. Quickly modifies the verb went and is a flexional adverb of manner.

- 3. Therefore modifies the verb sent. It is a simple adverb of cause. More is a simple adverb of degree modifying the adverb eagerly which is a flexional adverb of manner. Eagerly also modifies the verb sent. Again is a simple adverb of time. It modifies the verb see. Less is a simple adverb of degree modifying the adjective sorrowful.
- So is a simple adverb of degree which modifies the adverb loudly. Loudly is a flexional adverb of manner which modifies the verb shouted.
- 5. Very is a simple adverb of degree that modifies the adjective diligent. Earnestly is a flexional adverb of manner that modifies the verb contend. Once for all is an adverb phrase which means finally, so it is an adverb of time. It is modifying the verb delivered.
- Certainly is a flexional adverb of affirmation that modifies not, which is a simple adverb of negation.
- Up is a simple adverb of place that modifies the verb go. Doubtless is a simple adverb of affirmation that modifies the verb phrase will deliver.
- Never is a simple adverb of negation modifying the verb phrase will leave.
- So is a simple adverb of degree that modifies the adverb soon. Soon is a simple adverb of time that modifies the verb phrase have come.

 Clearly is a flexional adverb of affirmation modifying the adjective evident. Later is a simple adverb of time modifying the verb follow.

#### REVIEW EXERCISE A

Abbreviations for **noun**, **verb**, **adjective**, and **adverb** will follow each word in parentheses.

- It was (v) a brilliant (adj) moonlit (adj)
  night (n), but extremely (adv) cold (adj);
  our (adj) chaise (n) whirled (v) rapidly
  (adv) over the frozen (adj) ground (n); the
  noisy (adj) postboy (n) smacked (v) his (adj)
  long (adj) whip (n) incessantly (adv), and a
  part (n) of the time (n) his (adj) horses (n)
  galloped (v).
- "He knows (v) he is going (v) home,"(adv) said (v) my (adj) companion (n), "and is (v) eager (adj) for some of the merriment (n) and good (adj) cheer (n) of the servants' (adj) hall (n).
- My (adj) father (n) is (v) a gentleman (n)
  of the old (adj) school (n), and takes (v)
  pride (n) in old (adj) English (proper adj)
  hospitality (n).
- On our (adj) arrival (n), the squire (n) came (v) out (adv) and received (v) us. He was (v) a fine (adj), healthy-looking (adj) old (adj) gentleman (n), with silver (adj) hair (n).
- As the evening (n) was (v) far (adv)
   advanced (adj), the squire (n) quickly (adv)
   ushered (v) us into the company (n), which
   was assembled (v) in a large (adj), old fashioned (adj) hall (n).

#### **LESSON 5: PRONOUNS**

#### EXERCISE A

- Jan bought herself a set of dishes.
- She later realized that she did not need them as much as her sister Kate did.
- 3. So she gave them to her.
- Kate was pleased that Jan had been so generous to her.

#### EXERCISE B

The personal pronouns and possessive pronouns are in bold. The possessive pronouns are followed with an (a) for adjective.

- Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my (a) faults this day.
- When Pharaoh was angry with his (a) servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker, we each had a dream in one night, he and I.
- Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his (a) own dream.
- Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard.
- And we told him, and he interpreted our (a) dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his (a) own dream.
- And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened.

- He restored me to my (a) office, and he hanged him."
- Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his (a) clothing, and came to Pharaoh.
- And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it.
- But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

#### EXERCISE D

The personal and possessive pronouns are in bold.

 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me." (Acts 1:4)

Them: the apostles

He: Jesus

Them: the apostles

He: Jesus

You: the apostles

Me: Jesus

 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (v. 6)

They: the apostles

Him: Jesus You: Jesus  And He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority." (v. 7) He: Jesus

Them: the apostles

It: is a substitute for a group of words (the time the Lord will restore the kingdom). You: the apostles

His: God the Father, possessive

 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (Acts 2:2)

It: a substitute for a sound like a rushing mighty wind.

They: the apostles

 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. (v. 6)

Them: the apostles

His: each of the multitude, possessive

 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them . . . " (Acts 2:14a)

His: Peter, possessive

Them: the multitude

 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know" (v. 22)

You: the men of Israel

Him: Jesus

Your: men of Israel

You: the men of Israel

Yourselves: the men of Israel (reflexive)

 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

His: Peter, possessive Them: the believers

 (Context is Peter and John praying with their companions.) "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done." (Acts 4:27-28)

Your: God, possessive

You: God

Your: God, possessive

Your: God, possessive

Now Lord, look on **their** threats, and grant to **Your** servants that with all boldness **they** may speak Your word . . . " (v. 29)

Their: Herod, Pontius Pilate, Gentiles,

people of Israel, possessive

Your: God, possessive

Your: God, possessive

## LESSON 6: PREPOSITIONS

#### EXERCISE A

The prepositions are bolded below. The objects are underlined.

- 1. Did you find your homework in the car?
- 2. After dinner they went to the theater.
- The child sat on her <u>lap</u> until <u>bedtime</u>.
- Besides her <u>mother</u>, no one else came to the recital.
- 5. We've had no rain since September.
- 6. Step into the bus quickly.
- Without her <u>textbook</u>, she is lost in science <u>class</u>.
- Go past the gas <u>station</u> and turn right on Hayes Street.
- During dinner we had three phone calls from salesmen.
- Throughout the <u>winter</u> we saw flocks of geese flying over our <u>house</u>.

#### EXERCISE C

The object of the prepositions are underlined. Answers will vary. Sample answers:

- Regarding: She called regarding our <u>move</u>.
- Despite: I walked home despite the downpour.
- Beyond: It fell beyond our <u>reach</u>.
- 4. but (except): All but Susan were absent.
- During: The alarm sounded during our choir <u>practice</u>.

#### REVIEW EXERCISE A

All the nouns (n), pronouns (p), verbs (v), adjectives (adj), adverbs (adv), and prepositions (prep) are identified with abbreviations following each.

Now the eyes (n) of (prep) Israel (n) were (v) dim (adj) with (prep) age (n), so that he (p) could (v) not (adv) see (v). Then (adv) Joseph (n) brought (v) them (p) near (prep) him (p), and he (p) kissed (v) them (p) and embraced (v) them (p). So Joseph (n) brought (v) them (p) from (prep) beside (prep) his (adj) knees (n), and he (p) bowed (v) down (adv) with (prep) his (adj) face (n) to (prep) the earth (n). And Joseph (n) took (v) them (p) both, Ephraim (n) with (prep) his (adj) right (adj) hand (n) toward (prep) Israel's (adj) left (adj) hand (n), and Manasseh (n) with (prep) his (adj) left (adj) hand (n) toward (prep) Israel's (adj) right (adj) hand (n), and brought (v) them (p) near (prep) him (p).

### LESSON 7: CONJUNCTIONS

#### EXERCISE C

The conjunctions are in bold and identified as coordinating (cd) or correlative (co).

- Both animals and plants live and grow. (co/cd)
- 2. The mother wept, for her son was dead. (cd)
- Thomas sat down, but his little sister ran away. (cd)
- 4. All seek happiness, yet not all find it. (cd)
- Neither soldiers nor sailors were available to fight. (co)
- Whether you go or not does not concern me. (co)
- 7. They may be slow, but they are sure. (cd)
- Either finish your supper or excuse yourself from the table. (co)
- 9. He is not only ill, but he is also weak. (co)
- 10. Stan as well as Dave passed the test. (cd)

# LESSON 8: INTERJECTIONS

#### EXERCISE A

The interjections in the following sentences are bolded.

- Quiet! You should not be talking.
- 2. Yikes! I broke my ankle!
- 3. Oh! I didn't know it was you.
- Good heavens! What a mess you've made.

- 5. Wow! What a beautiful day!
- 6. Ouch! I cut my finger.

#### EXERCISE B

Interjections are underlined below.

- And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "<u>Hail</u>, King of the Jews!" (Mt. 27:29)
- 2. "Lo, I am with you always." (Mt. 28:20)
- 3. "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee." (Luke 1:28, KJV)
- 4. Then said I, Ah, Lord Goo! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth. (Jeremiah 1:6)
- Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. (Joel 1:15, KIV)
- 6. <u>Behold</u>, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. (1 John 3:1, KJV)
- Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father. (Genesis 49:2, ESV)

#### Explanations

- Hail is an interjection used in this sentence as a greeting.
- Lo can be used as an exclamation of joy, grief, surprise, etc. It is a shortened form of look!
- Hail is used here also as a greeting.
- 4. Ah is an interjection that can be used to express many different emotions: joy, grief, surprise, pain, disbelief, or pity. What emotion do you think is being expressed in the sentence above?

- Alas expresses great concern, sorrow, or grief.
- Behold is an interjection that simply means Look!
- O is an interjection used with solemnity to express many different emotions. In this case, it means, "I am speaking with seriousness, so listen up!"

#### **LESSON 9: REVIEW**

#### NOUNS

- 1. Name
- 2. Nomen
- A word that names a person, place, thing, activity, or idea
- Three: common nouns, proper nouns, and nouns of direct address.
- One's own
- A word used to name a particular thing, distinguishing it from others in the same class
- General
- Words used to name a general class of things
- 9. Answers will vary.
- 10. Classes or kinds of words
- 11. Eight

#### VERBS

- Word
- Verbum

- It is the most important part of the sentence and it comes from the Latin word that literally means word.
- Action verbs, auxiliaries or helping verbs, and linking verbs
- A linking verb is used to join two words, and can be recognized by substituting the word is or an equal sign with the verb.
- An auxiliary helps another verb assert something. Another name for an auxiliary verb is helping verb.

#### ADJECTIVES

- 1. That can add to
- Adjectus
- An adjective modifies a word by describing, qualifying, or limiting it.
- 4. A noun or pronoun
- 5. Which? What kind? How many? Whose? How much?
- Answers will vary.
- 7. Adjectives used to limit a noun
- 8. Joint or knuckle
- A or an comes from the Saxon word for one. The comes from the word for that.
- 10. Definite and indefinite

#### ADVERBS

- 1. To a word
- 2. It comes from the words ad and verbum.
- An adverb modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb.
- 4. How? Where? When? To what extent?

#### **PRONOUNS**

- For a name
- Pro nomen.
- A word which is used to replace a noun or a name.
- 4. The antecedent.
- It comes from the Latin ante and cedere, which mean to go before, and in this case it goes before the pronoun.
- 6. Personal, reflexive, and possessive.
- I, me, myself, we, us, ourselves, you, yourself, yourselves, he, him, himself, she, her, herself, it, itself, they, them, themselves.
- Personal pronouns take the place of names of persons.

#### PREPOSITIONS

- Placed before.
- 2. Praepositus.
- Thye are used to connect words and show relation between them. They are usually placed before another word called the object of the preposition.
- 4. Answers will vary.
- A noun or pronoun that follows a preposition.

#### CONJUNCTIONS

- 1. It means to join together.
- Conjungo.
- Conjunctions are words that join or connect words, groups of words, or sentences.

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