VOCABULARY TERMS AND EXAMPLES

**Adjective –** words used to describe or modify a noun. Adjectives provide the details of a sentence or phrase. Notice how the following sentence changes when adjectives are included:

*Sentence without adjectives:* The bear walked by the stream.

*Sentence including adjectives:*The **big**, **brown** bear walked by the **cool**, **blue** stream.

**Adverb –** words used to describe, modify, or qualify an adjective or verb. Adverbs answer the questions: How? When? To what extent? Adverbs often end in ‐ly. Notice how the following sentence changes when adverbs are included:

*Sentence without adverbs:* The child’s face turned red.

*Sentence including adverbs:* The child’s face **quickly** turned **extremely** red.

**Noun –** a word used to identify any person, place, or thing. Nouns can be common or proper. We also use a form of nouns called pronouns, such as “he,” she,” and “it.” Notice how this sentence changes depending on the type of noun used:

*Pronoun:* ***He*** said hello.

*Common Noun:* The ***man*** said hello.

*Proper Noun:* ***Mark*** said hello.

**Verb –** words that describe an action. Verbs tell us what is going on in a sentence. Every complete sentence must include a verb of some type.

*Examples:*kick, run, speak, hear, yell, walk, laugh, sway, move, slide, fall