

## 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