Grammar-Mechanics Session #1 / Parts of Speech

What this lesson will cover:

Definitions:
- Nouns--name a person, place, thing, or idea
  - Proper
  - Common
  - Concrete
  - Abstract
  - Collective
  - Noncount
  - Count
- Articles--mark a noun as specific or general
  - A
  - An
  - The
- Pronouns--take the place of nouns
  - Personal
  - Relative
  - Interrogative
  - Demonstrative
  - Reflexive
  - Reciprocal
  - Indefinite
- Verbs--express actions or states of being
  - Main
  - Linking
  - Irregular
  - Phrasal
  - Transitive
  - Intransitive
  - Helping
  - Modal helping
- Verbals--function as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs
  - Infinitive
  - Gerund
  - Past participle
  - Present participle
- Adjectives--describe or limit nouns, pronouns, and noun groups
- Adverbs--describe or limit verbs, adjectives, other adverbs, and clauses
- Prepositions--function in prepositional phrases
- Conjunctions--connect words, phrases, or clauses
  - Coordinating
  - Correlative
  - Subordinating
- Interjections--express strong emotion
Sentence examples:

1. The red telephone rang loudly.
   - Article, adjective, noun, verb, adverb
2. The telephone and the doorbell rang loudly.
   - Article, noun, conjunction, article, noun, verb, adverb
3. The red telephone rang loudly and startled everyone.
   - Article, adjective, noun, verb, adverb, conjunction, verb, pronoun

Practice sentences:

4. New automotive technology has given cars sophisticated electronic systems to control their operations.

5. Family businesses generate 60 percent of the U.S. gross national product

6. Industrial waste and pesticides can make water hazardous to drink.

7. Going from door to door, census takers interview millions of people.


9. Although it appears to be a hard rock, almost like a boulder, a coral reef is actually very fragile.

10. Immigrants from many nations have come to the United States through New York City for hundreds of years.