

# Shurley Grammar Jingles

## Jingle 1: SENTENCE JINGLE

A sentence, sentence, sentence Is complete, complete, complete When five simple rules it meets, meets, meets. It has a subject, subject, subject And a verb, verb, verb. It makes sense, sense, sense With every word, word, word. Add a capital letter, letter And an end mark, mark. Now, we're finished, and aren't we smart! Now our sentence has all its parts! REMEMBER: Subject (clap, clap); Verb (clap, clap); Complete sense (clap, clap, clap); Capital letter, and an end mark, too. That's what a sentence is all about!

## Jingle 2: NOUN JINGLE (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

This little noun Floating around Names a person, place, or thing. With a knick, knack, paddy-whack, These are English rules. Isn't language fun and cool?

## Jingle 3: VERB JINGLE

A verb, a verb. What is a verb? Haven't you heard? There are two kinds of verbs: The action verb and the linking verb. The action verb shows a state of action, Like stand and sit and smile. The action verb is always doing Because it tells what the subject does. We stand! We sit! We smile! The linking verb is a state of being. Like am, is, are, was, and were, Look, become, grows, and feels. A linking verb shows no action Because it tells what the subject is. He is a clown. He looks funny.

## Jingle 4: ADVERB JINGLE

An adverb modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb. An adverb asks, "How? When? Where?" To find an adverb, GO, ASK, GET. Where do I GO? To a verb, adjective, or another adverb. What do I ASK? How? When? Where? What do I GET? An adverb! (clap) That's what!

## Jingle 5: ADJECTIVE JINGLE

An adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun. An adjective asks, "What kind? Which one? How many?" To find an adjective, GO, ASK, GET. Where do I GO? To the noun or the pronoun. What do I ASK? What kind? Which one? How many? What do I get? An adjective! (clap) That's what!

## Jingle 6: ARTICLE ADJECTIVE JINGLE

We are the article adjectives! Teeny, tiny adjectives! A, AN, THE A, AN, THE We are called article adjectives and noun markers. We are memorized and used every day. So if you spot us, you can mark us With the label "A". We are the article adjectives! Teeny, tiny adjectives! A, AN, THE A, AN, THE

## Jingle 7: THE PREPOSITION JINGLE

A PREP PREP PREPOSITION Is a special group of words That connects a NOUN, NOUN, NOUN Or a PRO PRO PRONOUN To the rest of the sentence.

## Jingle 8: OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION JINGLE

Dum De Dum Dum! An O-P is a N-O-U-N or a P-R-O After the P-R-E-P In a S-E-N-T-E-N-C-E. Dum De Dum Dum - Done!

Jingle 9: PREPOSITION FLOW (The 49 Prepositions Jingle)

1. Preposition, Preposition Starting with an A. (Fast) aboard, about, above, across, after, against, (Slow) along, among, around, at.
2. Preposition, Preposition Starting with a B. (Fast) before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, (Slow) beyond, but, by.
3. Preposition, Preposition Starting with a D. down (slow & long), during (snappy).
4. Preposition, Preposition Don't go away. Go to the middle And see what we say. E-F-I and L-N-O except, for, from, in, inside, into, like, near, of, off, on, out, outside, over.
5. Preposition, Preposition Almost through. Start with P and end with W. past, since, through, throughout, to, toward, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without.
6. Preposition, Preposition Easy as can be. We're all finished, And aren't you pleased? We've just recited All 49 of these.

Jingle 10: PRONOUN (sung to the tune of "This Old Man")

This little pronoun, Floating around, Takes the place of a little old noun. With a knick knack paddy wack, These are English rules. Isn't language fun and cool?

Jingle 11: SUBJECT PRONOUN

There are seven subject pronouns That are easy as can be: I and we, (clap twice) He and she, (clap twice) It and they and you. (clap three)

Jingle 12: POSSESSIVE PRONOUN

There are seven possessive pronouns That are easy as can be: My and our, (clap twice) His and her, (clap twice) Its and their and your. (clap three)

Jingle 13: THE EIGHT PARTS OF SPEECH JINGLE

Want to know how to write? Use the eight parts of speech – They're dynamite! Nouns, Verbs, and Pronouns – They rule! They're called the NVP's, and they're really cool! The Double A's are on the move; Adjectives and Adverbs help you groove! Next come the PIC's, and then we're done! The PIC's are Preposition, Interjection, and Conjunction! All together now, the eight parts of speech, abbreviations please: NVP, AA, PIC - NVP, AA, PIC!

Jingle 14: THE 23 HELPING VERBS OF THE MEAN, LEAN VERB MACHINE JINGLE

These 23 helping verbs will be on my test. I gotta remember them so I can do my best. I'll start out with 8 and finish with 15; Just call me the mean, lean verb machine. There are 8 be verbs that are easy as can be: am, is, are – was and were, am, is, are – was and were, am, is, are – was and were, All together now, the 8 be verbs: am, is, are – was and were – be, being, and been, am, is, are – was and were – be, being, and been. There're 23 helping verbs, and I've recited only 8. That leaves fifteen more that I must relate: has, have, and had – do, does, and did, has, have, and had – do, does, and did, might, must, may – might, must, may. Knowing these verbs will save my grade: can and

could – would and should, can and could – would and should, shall and will, - shall and will. In record time, I did this drill. I'm the mean, lean verb machine – STILL!

#### Jingle 15: OBJECT PRONOUN JINGLE

There are seven object pronouns That are easy as can be: Me and us, (clap two times)  
Him and her, (clap two times) It and them and you. (clap three times)

#### Jingle 16: DIRECT OBJECT JINGLE

A direct object is a noun or pronoun. A direct object completes the meaning of the sentence. A direct object is located after the verb-transitive. To find the direct object ask WHAT or WHOM after the verb.

\*Remember to look up words in a dictionary (start with the list of Spelling words attached).