

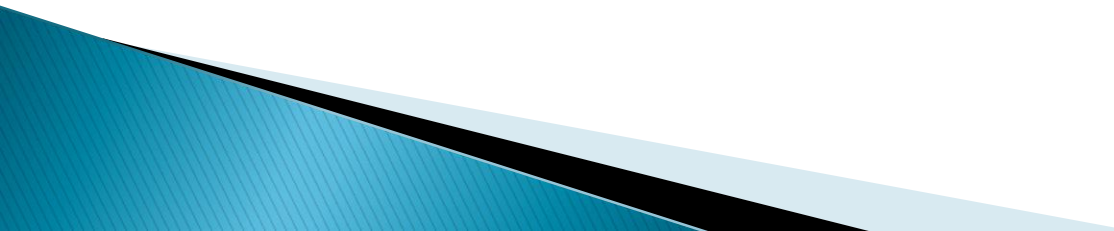
Parts-of-Speech Poem

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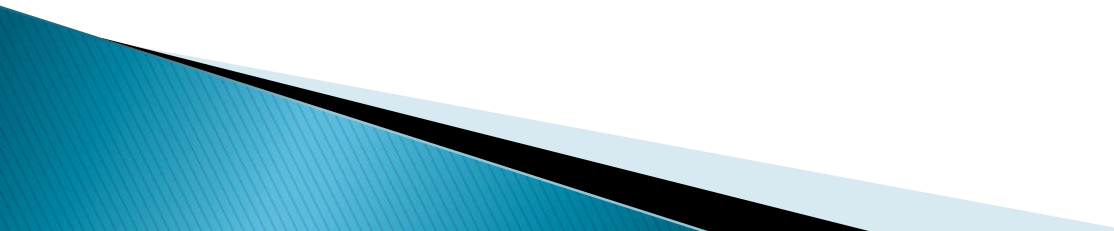
What is our goal?

- ▶ Understand that every word in your sentences plays its part. A word's part of speech helps us understand its grammatical function.
 - ▶ Review four parts of speech: noun, verb, adjective, and adverb.
 - ▶ Use these parts of speech to construct a poem in order to practice using them.
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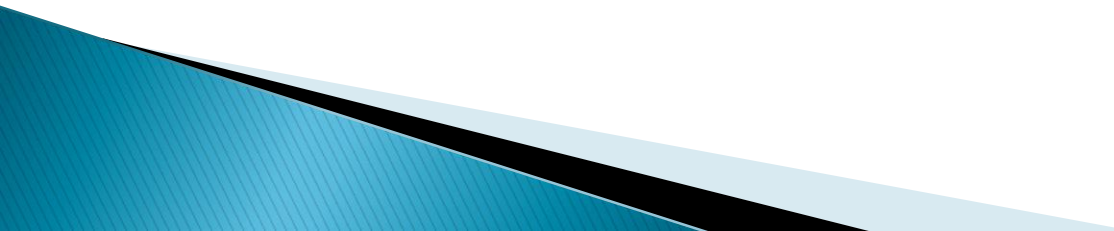
Nouns, Verbs, and Adjectives

- ▶ What do you remember?
 - ▶ What is a noun?
 - ▶ What does an adjective do?
 - ▶ What does a verb express?

 - ▶ Parts of Speech

 - ▶ How did you do?
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Adverbs

- ▶ Do you remember what an adverb does?
 - ▶ What is an adverb?
 - ▶ How did you do?
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Parts-of-Speech Poem

Mocking bird

Raucous and rowdy

Singing fervently

Like an inmate with two days left to live

If only you knew your own song instead of
stealing mine

Parts-of-Speech Poem 2

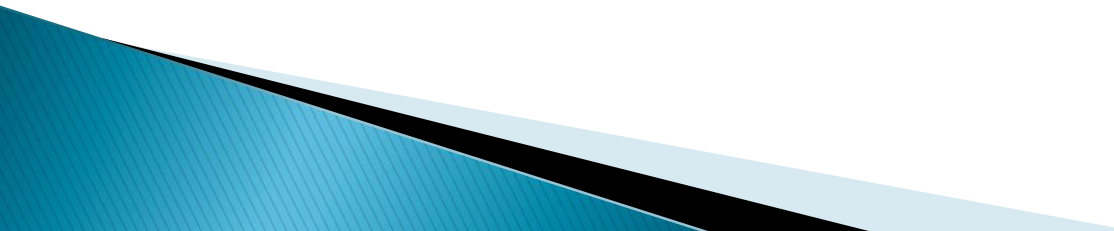
Morning

Lovely and unblemished

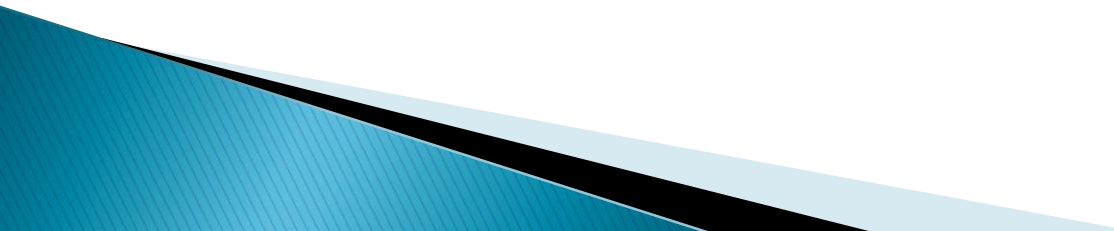
Inviting mysteriously

Like a brand new sidewalk

If only we were walking together



Poem Formula

- ▶ Line 1. Choose a noun.
 - ▶ Line 2. Select two adjectives to describe this noun, and connect them with *and*.
 - ▶ Line 3. Use a verb plus an adverb to show the noun in action.
 - ▶ Line 4. Use *like* or *as* followed by a comparison.
 - ▶ Line 5. Use *if only* followed by a wish.
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Ticket out of class

- ▶ Last few minutes of class
- ▶ No names
- ▶ Please write and hand in:
 - ▶ 1. What is a noun? A _____, _____, _____, or _____.
 - ▶ 2. What does an adjective do?
 - ▶ 3. What does a verb express?
 - ▶ 4. An adverb tells _____, _____, or _____.
- ▶ (If you don't remember right now, try to list three examples for each.)
- ▶ **SAVE YOUR POEMS!**

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