



The Functions of Words

Part Two of a Two Part Series



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Why Teach Grammar?

*There are **five** big reasons or aims*

1. To understand words and their functions
2. To improve and expand oral communication through proper grammatical usage
3. To improve and expand writing through appropriate grammatical usage
4. To act as one medium for analysis and evaluation of written works
5. To aid in the development of reasoning, analytic skills, and creativity.

also...

It can be fun!

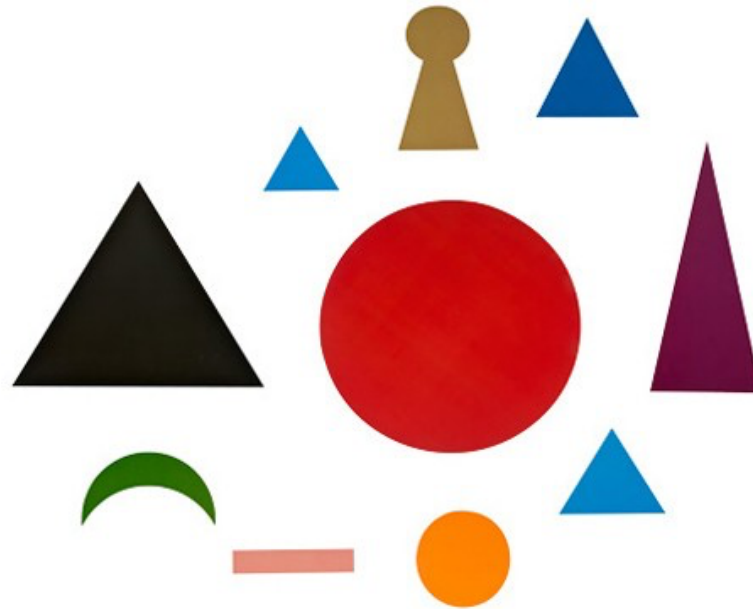


What is meant by the *Functions of Words*?

The initial set of presentations and work introducing the parts of speech.

In English, Montessorians consider nine functions of words:

- Noun
- Article
- Adjective
- Conjunction
- Preposition
- Verb
- Adverb
- Pronoun
- Interjection



Functions of Words

	Noun
	Article
	Adjective
	Conjunction
	Preposition
	Verb
	Adverb
	Pronoun
	Interjection

The Sequence



Noun
Article
Adjective



Conjunction
Preposition



Verb
Adverb
Pronoun



Interjection

The Children's House



Possibly not

Usually, only six or seven functions are offered at this level.

Children's House Nomenclature



naming word



introducing word



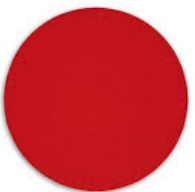
describing word



joining word



relationship word



action word

*Names like these
are usually used
in the Children's
House. Then more
formal names are
introduced in
elementary
school.*

Where to Put the Symbol

Symbols are placed above the words



Michael



Minnesota



table



love



kindness

The Six Roles of the Adjective

- ▶ Describe
 - ▶ Count
 - ▶ Point
 - ▶ Distribute
 - ▶ Show Ownership
 - ▶ Question
- ▶ red, large, rough
 - ▶ three, first, last
 - ▶ this, that, those
 - ▶ each, every
 - ▶ his, her, my
 - ▶ what, which
- ▶ Descriptive
 - ▶ Numerical
 - ▶ Demonstrative
 - ▶ Distributive
 - ▶ Possessive
 - ▶ Interrogative

More on Adjectives

- Position and Transposition
- The Paper Game (attributes)
- The Detective Game of Triangles (attributes)
- Qualities of the Little Environment
- Which Quality or Qualities are Suitable? (sometimes called Logical Agreement)
- In Search of All Possible Qualities of One Object



Summarize the noun Family



- ▶ Make many phrases
- ▶ Use two or more adjectives
- ▶ Look at which adjectives are friends with an article and which are not.
- ▶ Try plurals
- ▶ Examine other activities

The Conjunction



The Functions

The flowers and the pink ribbon

The Symbol

Etymology

Transposition

The Little Environment



The Preposition

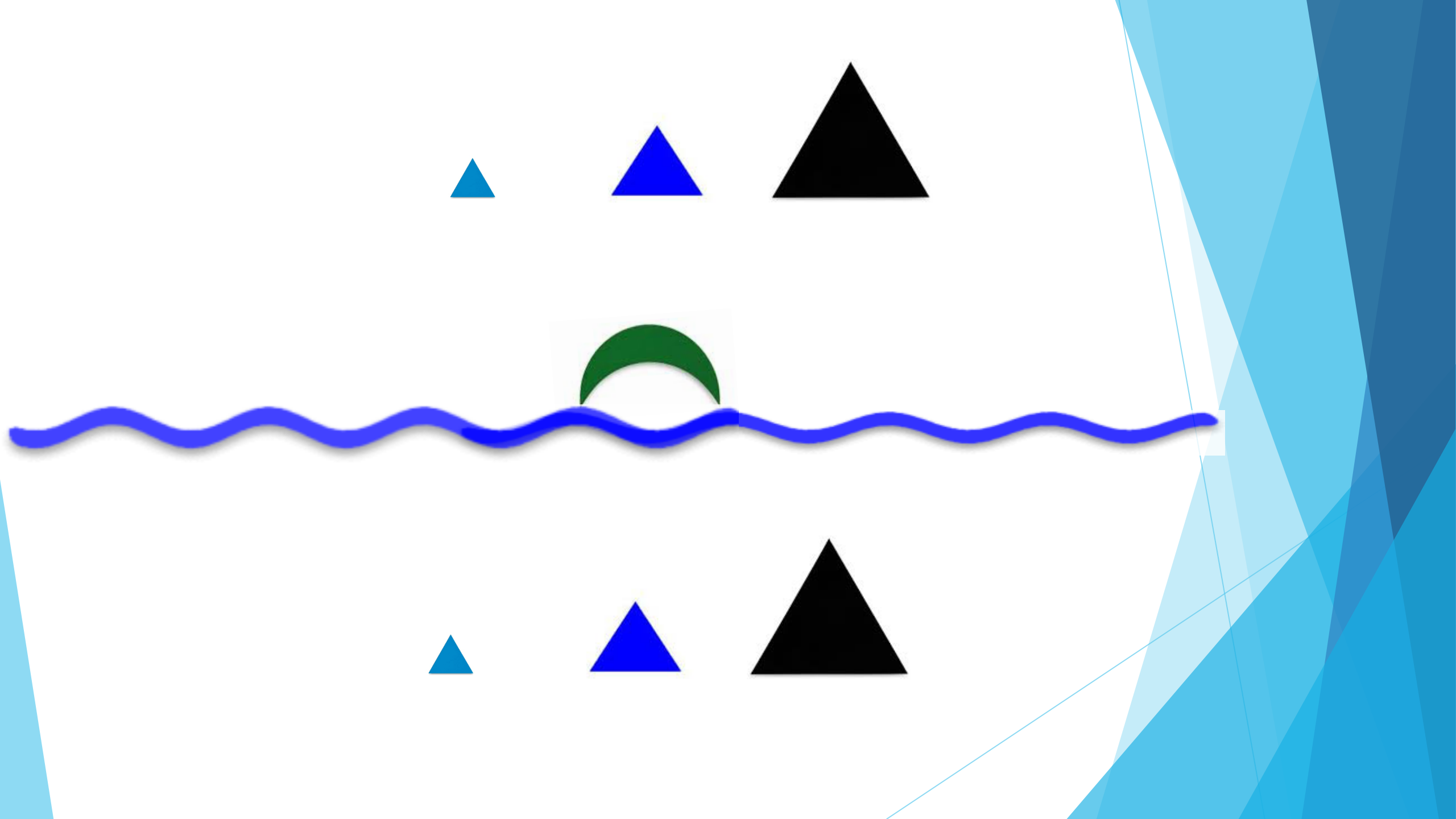
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Function and Etymology

Second Presentation: include transposition

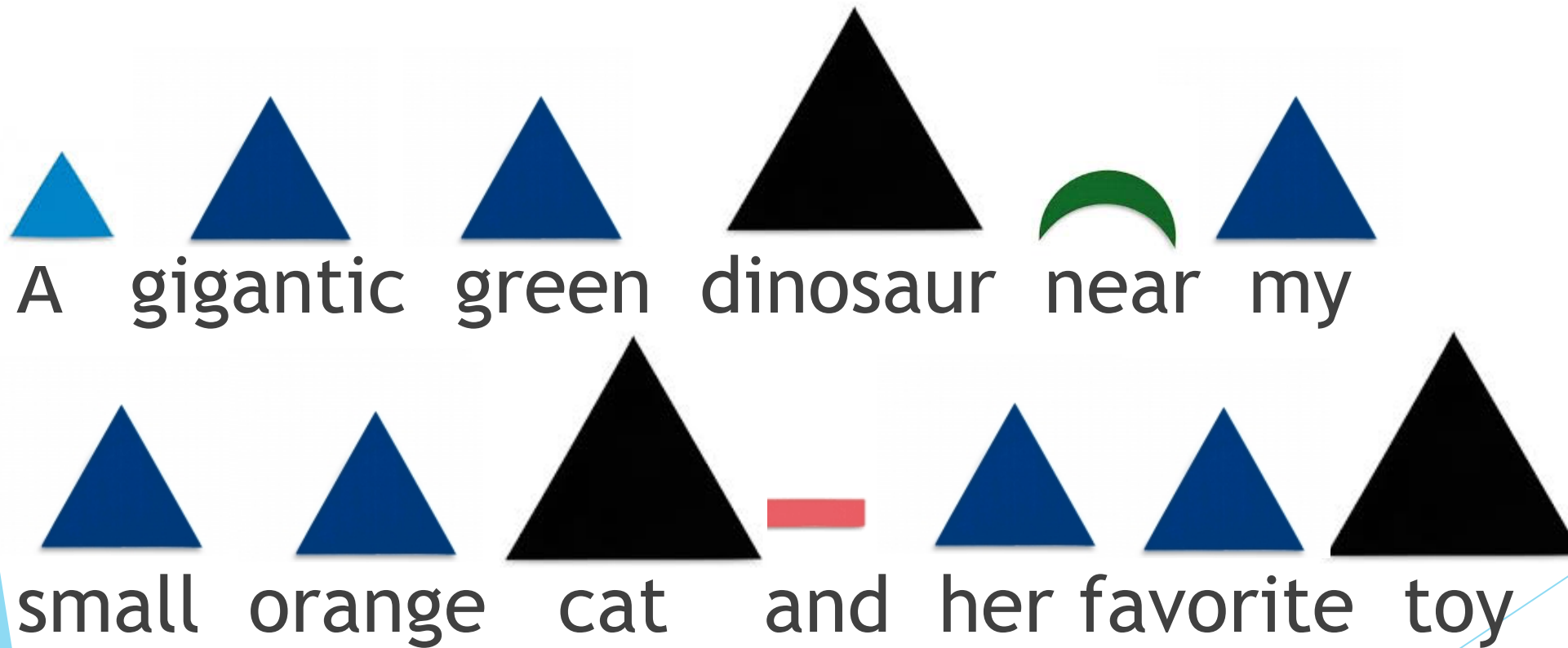
The Little Environment





What can we parse now?

Parsing means “to describe a word grammatically by stating the part of speech.”



The Study of the Verb

This will introduce:

The Verb

Function

Name, Symbol, and Etymology

Compare the Noun and the Verb

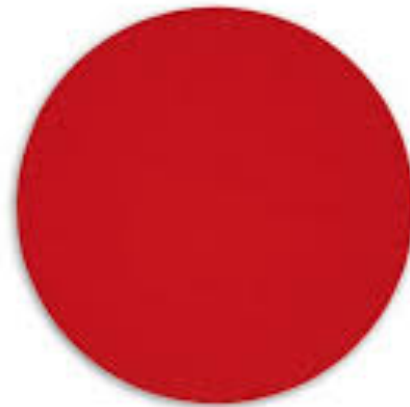
Three Fundamental Tenses

Tenses

Conjugation

The Verb Family

And many activities and stories



The Noun and the Verb



The Noun and the Verb Meet
Energy Requires Matter
Action Disappears

More Verb Activities

Duration of the Present Tense

The Difference Between Present and Past Tense

Reading Commands

Auxiliary Verbs

Linking Verbs (See next Slide)

Phrasal Verbs

Hidden Movement

The Three Fundamental Tenses (See another Slide)

Logical Agreement

Linking Verbs

Keesha

happy

Keesha

is

happy

Some linking verbs are more difficult, like ***feels***, as in **This sandpaper *feels* rough.** These may usually be reserved until later. Avoid using linking verbs as transitive verbs with direct objects as in “Andre’ feels the sandpaper.”)

Some other linking verbs

grow

become

appear

look

remain

stay

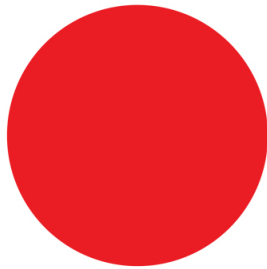
feel

smell

taste

sound

The Verb



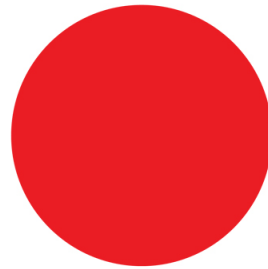
Past

yesterday
last year
previous
before



Present

today
this year
current
now



Future

tomorrow
next year
future
later

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The Fundamental Tenses

The Adverb



Function

Name

Etymology

Symbol

Logical Agreement

Searching for All Possible Modifiers of One Verb

Transposition

Adjectives and Adverbs

What modifier is best?

eat

look

walk

hungrily
slowly
longingly
awkwardly
gracefully
weekly
everywhere
now

Searching for All Possible Modifiers of One Verb

dance slowly
sensuously
eagerly
delicately
lightly
rhythmically
sleepily
noisily
happily
clumsily
inventively

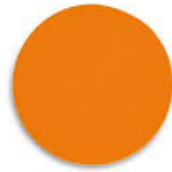
Blow your nose rudely
silently
noisily
messily
quickly



Some **Adverbs** are Irregular



- ▶ *quick*
- ▶ *bad*
- ▶ *good*
- ▶ *hard*
- ▶ *happy*
- ▶ *Etc.*



- ▶ *quickly*
- ▶ *badly*
- ▶ *well*
- ▶ *hard*
- ▶ *happily*
- ▶ *Etc.*

- ▶ *regular*
- ▶ *regular*
- ▶ *irregular*
- ▶ *irregular*
- ▶ *irregular*
- ▶ *Etc.*

The Rebellious Prince



The Pronoun

- ▶ **Function,**
- ▶ **Name,**
- ▶ **Etymology,**
- ▶ **Symbol**
- ▶ **Transposition**
- ▶ **Cases**

Cases of the Pronoun

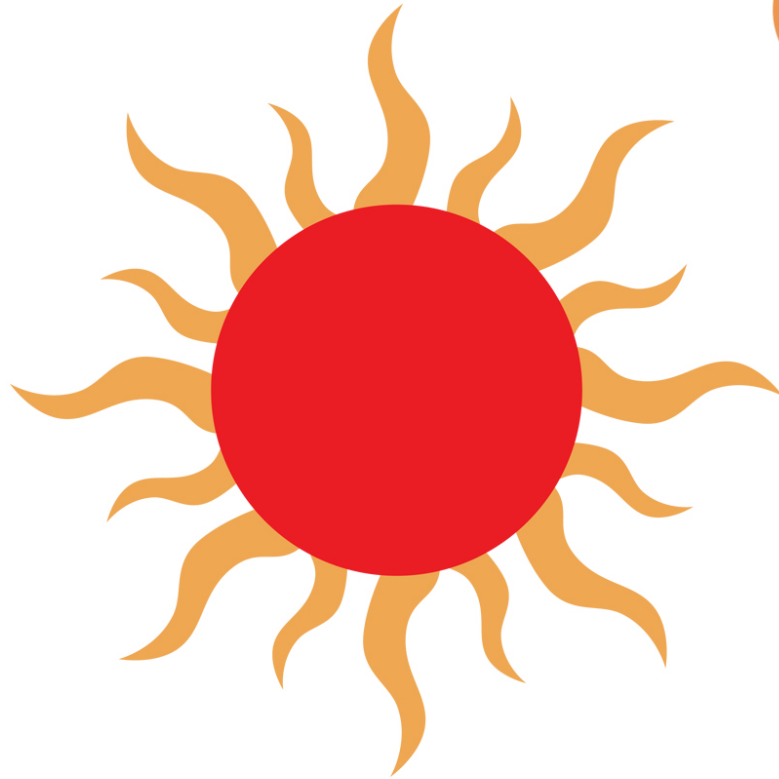
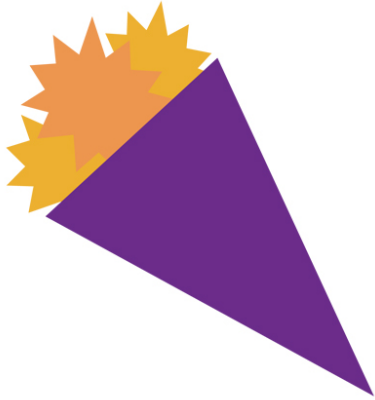


- ▶ Nominative
- ▶ Objective
- ▶ Possessive



I Me Mine

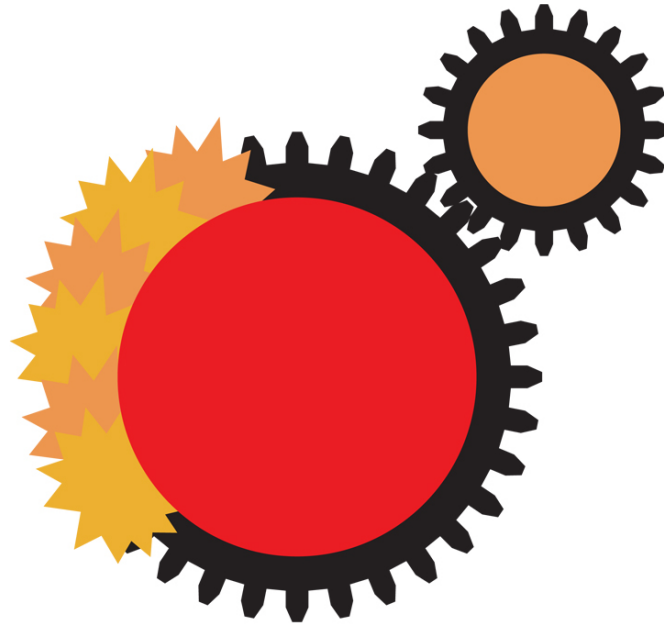
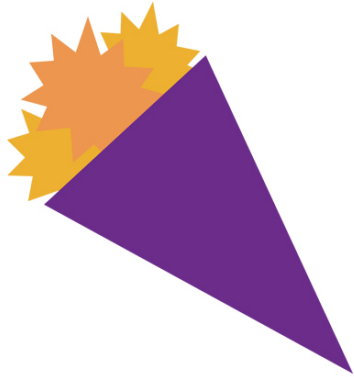
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The Celestial Landscape

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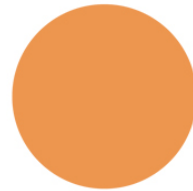
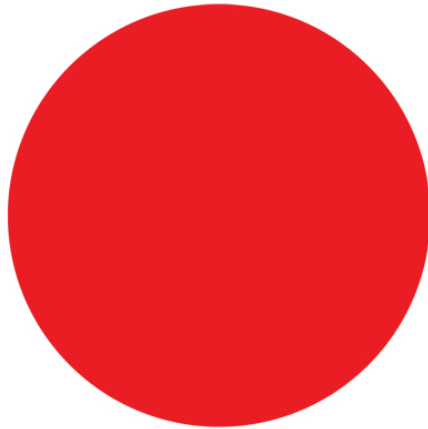
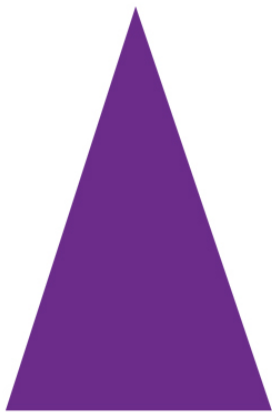


The Chart Of Gears

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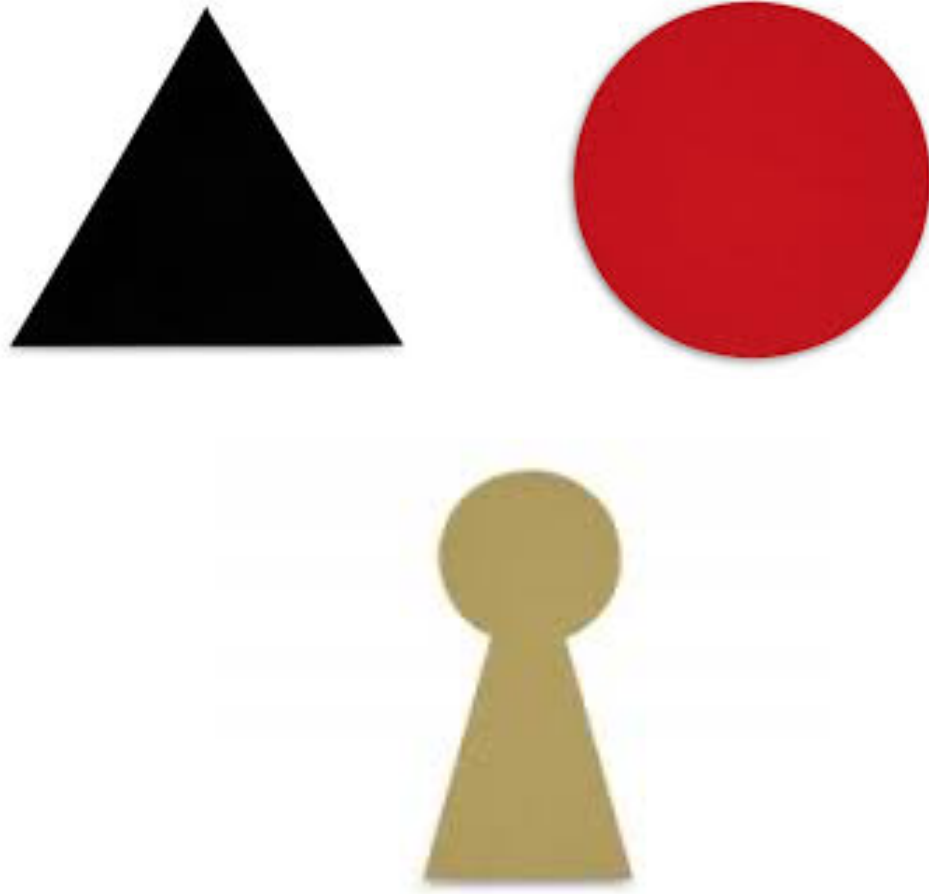


The Verb Family

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The Formal Grouping

One Day,
The Noun and the Verb Were Frustrated...



The Interjection

- ▶ Function
- ▶ Name
- ▶ Etymology
- ▶ Symbol

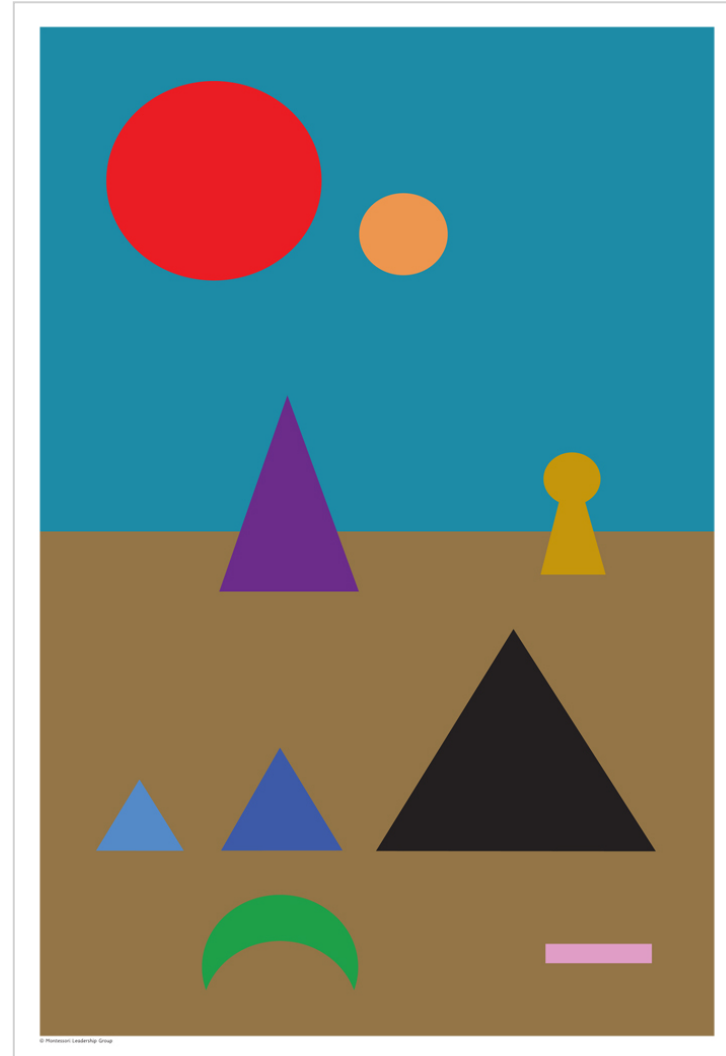
Montessori's original symbol was an equilateral triangle with a circle on top. It is a union of the symbol of the noun and the verb. This puts together energy and matter.

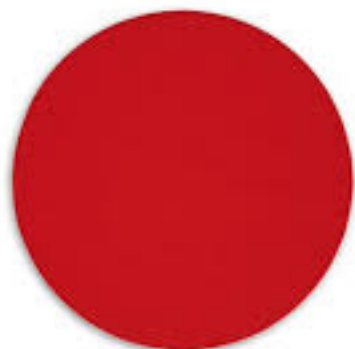


Mmm, I like hot curry!

The World of Grammar

The Earth and the Sky





Words Change Function

fast	round	jump	red	run
love	like	wheel	blow	water
bear	spring	part	name	fly
bark	range	place	kind	fine
lean	trick	growth	slide	one

A perfectly **round** figure is called a circle.

Today in music we sang a **round**.

Round your answers to the nearest tenth.

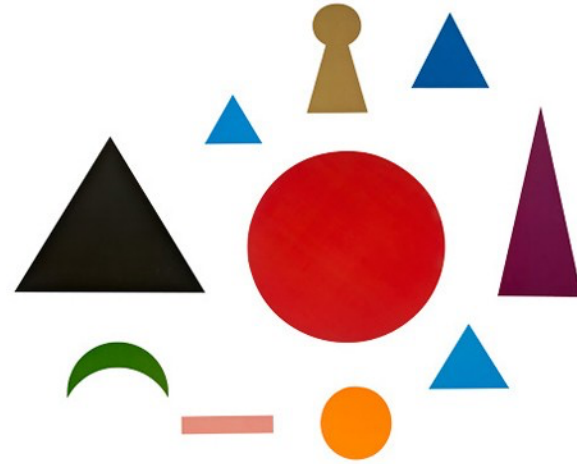
Skits: *The Functions of Words*



The Verb Family

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This Ends Part Two

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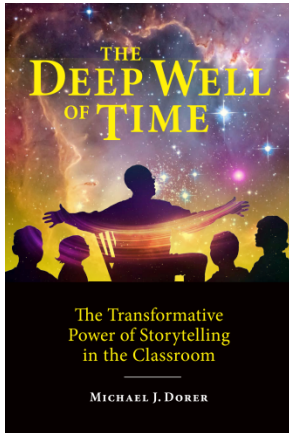
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Any questions?



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