Grammar – 8th grade

1. Parts of Speech

- Noun: A person, place, thing, or idea (e.g., dog, school, happiness).
- Pronoun: A word that takes the place of a noun (e.g., he, she, it).
- Verb: An action word (e.g., run, jump, think).
- Adjective: A word that describes a noun (e.g., happy, tall, blue).
- Adverb: A word that modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb (e.g., quickly, very, too).

- Preposition: A word that shows the relationship between a noun and another word (e.g., in, on, under).
- Conjunction: A word that connects words or groups of words (e.g., and, but, or).
- Interjection: A word or phrase that expresses emotion (e.g., wow, ouch).

2. Sentence Structure

- Subject: The person, place, or thing the sentence is about.
- Verb: The action or state of being in the sentence.

- A sentence must have at least a subject and a verb.
- Simple Sentence: Contains one independent clause (e.g., She sings).
- Compound Sentence: Contains two independent clauses joined by a conjunction (e.g., She sings, and he dances).

3. Subject-Verb Agreement

- The subject and verb must agree in number.
 - Singular subject = Singular verb (e.g., She runs).
 - Plural subject = Plural verb (e.g., They run).

4. Punctuation

- Period (.) Used to end declarative sentences.
- Question Mark (?) Used at the end of a question.
- Exclamation Mark (!) Used to show strong feelings or commands.
- Comma (,) Used to separate items in a list or before conjunctions in compound sentences.

5. Types of Sentences

 Declarative: Makes a statement (e.g., She plays soccer.).

- Interrogative: Asks a question (e.g., Do you like soccer?).
- Imperative: Gives a command or request (e.g., Play soccer!).
- Exclamatory: Expresses strong feeling (e.g., What a great goal!).

6. Common Grammar Errors

- Run-on Sentences: Two or more independent clauses joined incorrectly (e.g., "I went to the store I bought some milk").
- Fragments: Incomplete sentences that lack a subject or verb (e.g., "Went to the store").

 Misplaced Modifiers: Words or phrases that are not placed correctly in a sentence (e.g., "Running fast she caught the bus" – should be "She caught the bus running fast").

7. Correcting Errors

- Identify errors such as run-on sentences, fragments, and misplaced modifiers.
- . Example Correction:
 - Incorrect: "Running fast she caught the bus."
 - Corrected: "She caught the bus running fast."

8. Practice

- Write sentences using different types (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory) and punctuation marks.
- Check for subject-verb agreement and correct punctuation.

Homework Assignment

- . Write a paragraph (5-7 sentences) on a topic of your choice, focusing on:
 - Using proper punctuation.
 - Ensuring subject-verb agreement.

- **.** Correct sentence structure.
- Identifying parts of speech in your paragraph.