

GRAMMARTHON

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Bibliobibulus

Bib-li-o-**bib**-u-lus means “full of imbibing or absorbing books.” Since literacy begins with “sight words,” which *frequently* appear in books, children must learn and master them as early as kindergarten. Begin reciting these words to children: *all, am, and, at, book, Dakar, ear, hot, now, welcome.*

Dictionary Trip

With your child or student, look up the word **be** in an *unabridged* dictionary. Next, find out its part of speech, which is listed before the definition(s). Finally, after the definition(s), find the Old English (O.E.) word from which our word **be** originates.

In the Know



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Parts of Speech

Imagine a software engineer trying to write a computer program without any knowledge of a programming or coding language. Such an endeavor would be ill advised, if not futile. The same is true for trying to teach children how to read, spell, and write without thoroughly introducing them to the parts of speech, which are the building blocks that allow us to construct sentences, decode meaning, and communicate effectively.

So, begin early by reciting the names of the eight parts of speech to your children or students. In turn, ask them to recite each part of speech to you. More simple, but beneficial activities will appear in upcoming issues of *Grammarthon*.

