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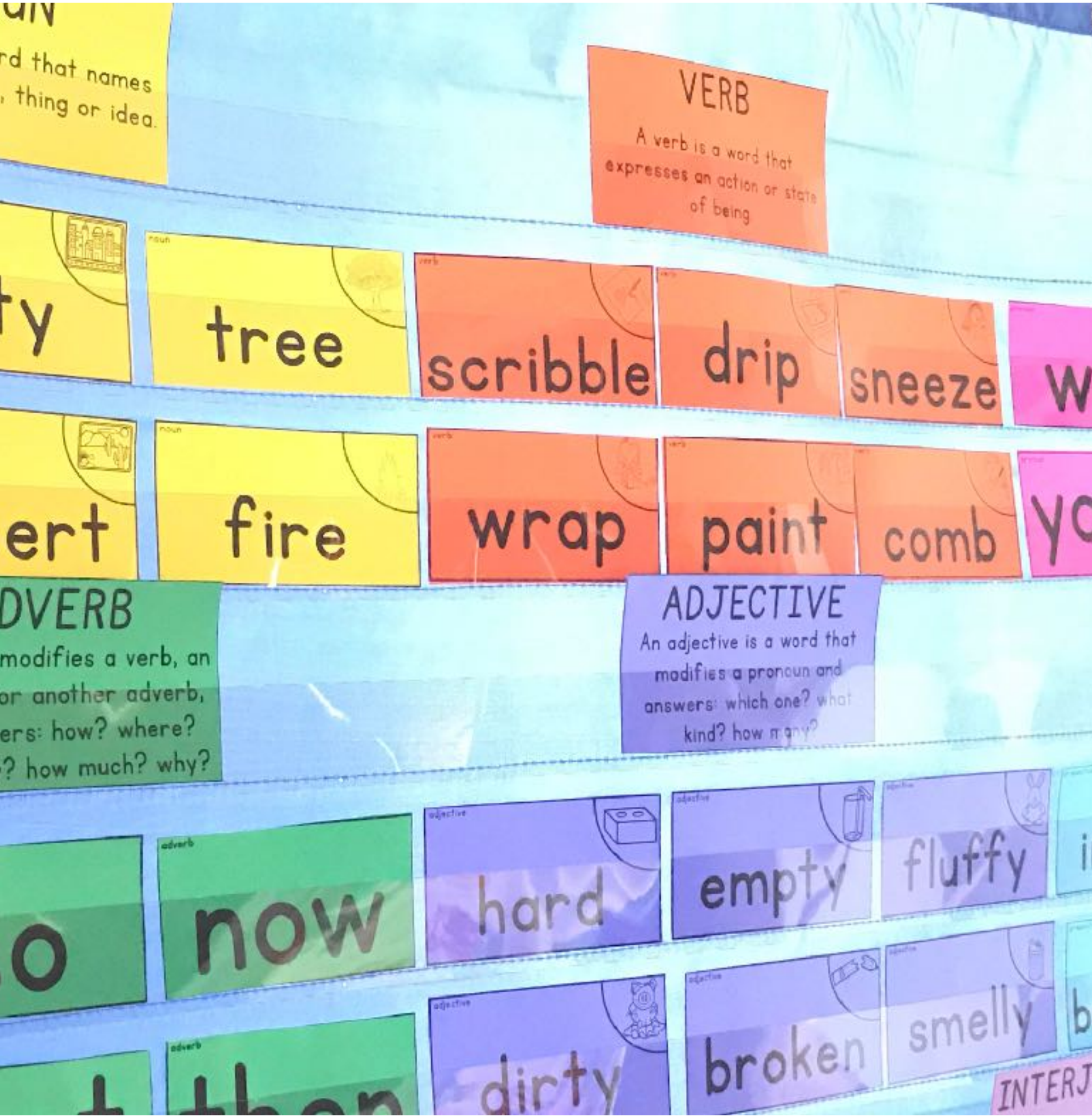
Grammar Word Wall



IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

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WHAT IS A GRAMMAR WALL?

- A grammar wall is a wall of words and vocabulary organized into the eight parts of speech.

- Grammar walls can be as simple or complex as you need them to be.

- Primary students benefit greatly from having a grammar wall, as each word has a deeper meaning when used in a sentence.

BENEFITS OF HAVING A GRAMMAR WALL

I. Color coded parts of speech help students to understand parts of speech and sentence structure.

When you associate a part of speech with a color, it reinforces that part of speech and how it functions in sentences and phrases.

2. Words will be organized by the 8 parts of speech, which gives each word deeper meaning.

Let me just say this one thing...

Grammar Walls are NOT a waste of wall space. Grammar walls serve a very important purpose of helping students to identify the eight parts of speech and how they work in a sentence.

When we think about words and their meaning, knowing what letter the word starts with will only get us so far. We need to understand the purpose of each word and how it functions in a sentence. Having a grammar wall in your classroom will help students to make meaning and retain new vocabulary.

3. Grammar walls are interactive, as words are replaced and added each week.

Grammar walls are not a one and done operation. New words should be added and older words should be removed as time goes on.
I have a set of words that I start with, and as new words are introduced, I add and remove as needed.

4. You can utilize your grammar wall for every subject, every day.

Grammar walls are not just used during grammar time! I utilize my grammar wall every chance I get. If we learn a new word in any other subject, that word can be added to our grammar wall. When used correctly, your students will start reminding you to add words as they are learned across the curriculum!

5. Grammar walls guide explicit instruction in English syntax.

I am just going to be honest here...teaching grammar explicitly can get a little boring without tools like grammar walls and other engaging and interactive activities.

Grammar walls can serve a wonderful purpose of guiding your grammar instruction. They also help students to make meaning when working with the foundations of English grammar.

6. Students are allowed to interact with the wall, which leads to greater learning.

When you allow your students to play games and activities associated with their grammar wall, they retain more! They are constantly seeking to make meaning from the things that are presented in front of them each day, and the more "hands on" opportunities you can provide your students, the more they will learn.

7. Grammar walls make for engaging games and meaningful extension activities.

Grammar walls serve so many purposes in the classroom! In fact, we have come up with 20 activities you can do with your grammar wall! It will be included in our Color Coded Grammar Wall Starter Kit!
P.S. It's coming soon. Be sure to reserve yours below if you haven't already!

8. Students will use the grammar wall as a reference throughout the year.

Grammar walls are always up, and will always serve as a guide for students. You will find that grammar walls are so useful throughout the year as they serve as a constant reminder for the functions of part of speech and how they work in a sentence. They are also wonderful for vocabulary learned across the curriculum.

9. Grammar walls help ALL students to identify and apply conventions of standard English.

Grammar walls aren't just for English Language Learners. ALL students will benefit from having a grammar wall in the classroom.

10. Students will connect words to their meanings with picture clues.

If you are like me, you will take any opportunity to provide pictures or realia along with the words you introduce.
I have always found it frustrating that there weren't any grammar wall word cards with picture clues to help children to associate words with the pictures and give them more independence as they played games with the class and in small groups.

YOUR GRAMMAR WALL CONTENTS

Labels

Use these labels if you choose to use the photo containers or index card box to store the grammar words.

Word Cards

We have included over 500 starter cards for your grammar wall. Four of the cards will have pictures in the top right corner.

Word Cards Index

We have numbered each card and we have included a guide so you can easily find the words you want to cover.

	Adjectives
1	broken
2	dirty
3	empty
4	fat
5	fluffy
6	hard

Implementation Guide

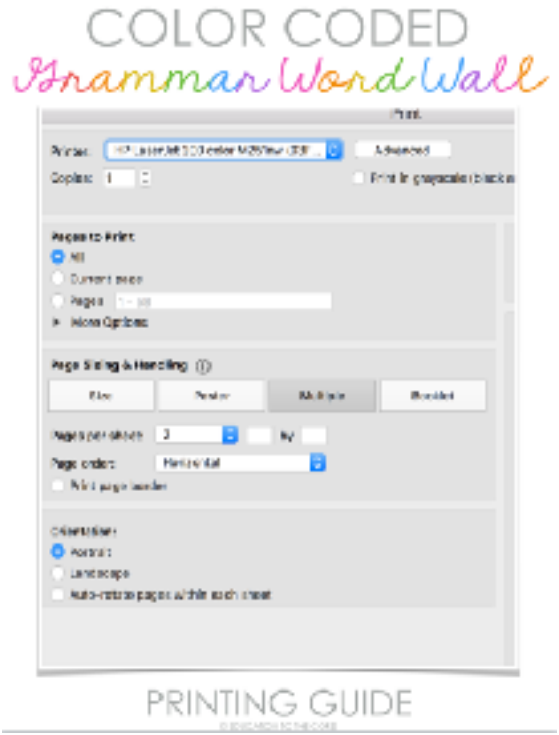
The implementation guide is what you are looking at right now! Use this as a quick guide to getting started and using your wall throughout the year!

Games

We have included the grammar word wall games as a PDF, and we have also given you the option to print these as cards that can be easily accessed at your fingertips!

Printing Guide

We understand that each classroom has different needs. We are going to be including a guide on printing smaller or bigger cards, depending on what size you need for your grammar wall.



STORAGE SUGGESTIONS

Suggested Option 1: Index Card Organizer from Amazon or Michaels

These divider cards that are included in the Grammar Word Wall Starter Kit have been specifically created for the Advantus Super Stacker Index Box from Amazon.

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OH it get's better…

You can "pull cards" from the parts of speech section, and you can organize them by week! That way, you are prepared for the week ahead!

Suggested Option 2: 4x6 Photo Containers from Amazon or Michaels

Wait…There's MORE?!
What's with the 3 Bonus Containers?

Honestly, we had everything completed and we found that these three lonely containers look like they need to be filled with goodies!!

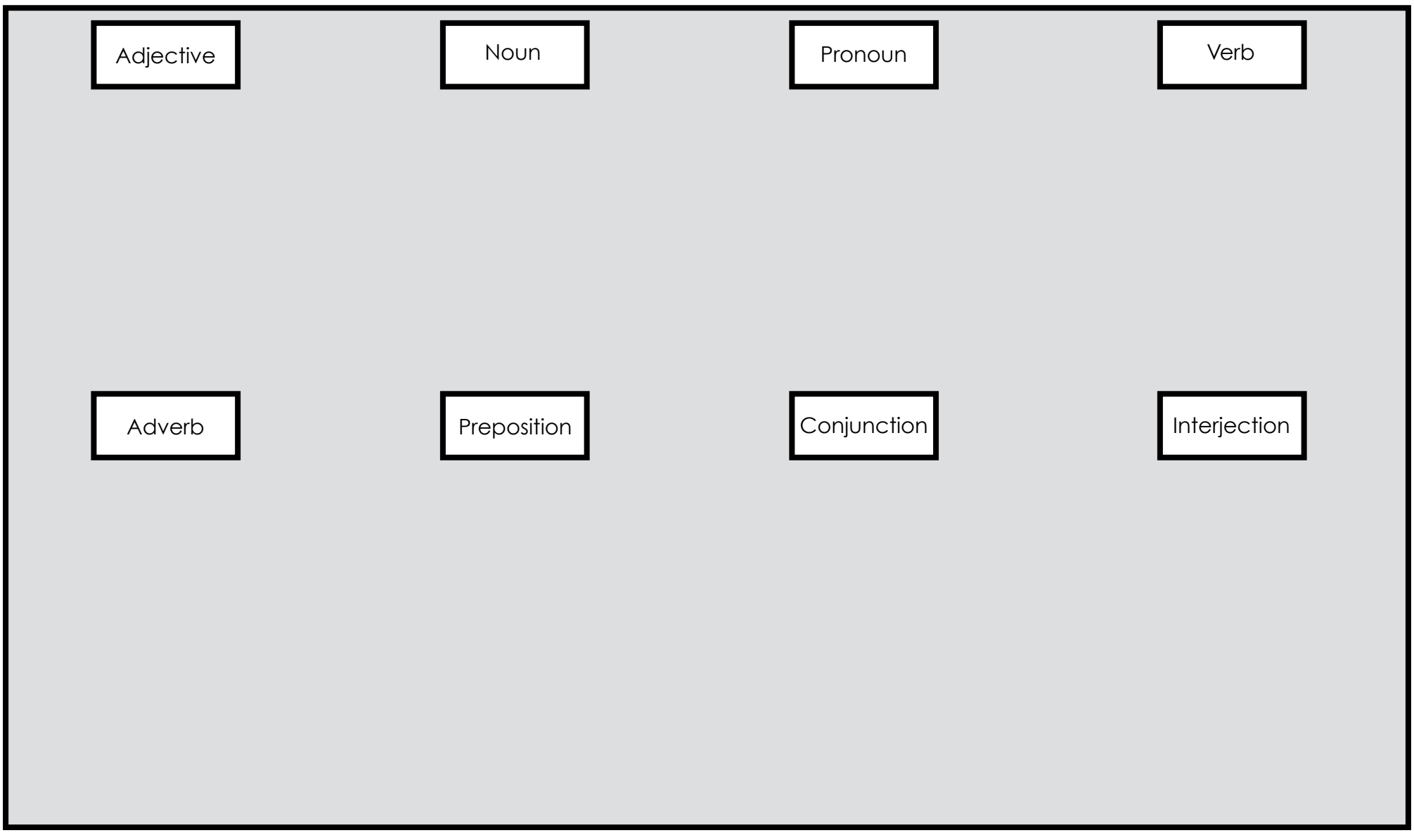
Over the next three weeks, we will be coming out with activities so you can fill those last three containers with activity cards for your primary students. See the dates below for the surprise bonus activities!

Bonus Activity #1
Wednesday, April 5th

Bonus Activity #2
Wednesday, April 12th

Bonus Activity #3
Wednesday, April 19th

SETTING UP YOUR GRAMMAR WALL



- Find a wide bulletin board, or open space in your classroom.[1]
- Lay the parts of speech headers on the floor to make sure you leave enough space between each header.
- Be sure to leave enough space between each row. Start at the very top, then start your second row in the middle of your bulletin board.

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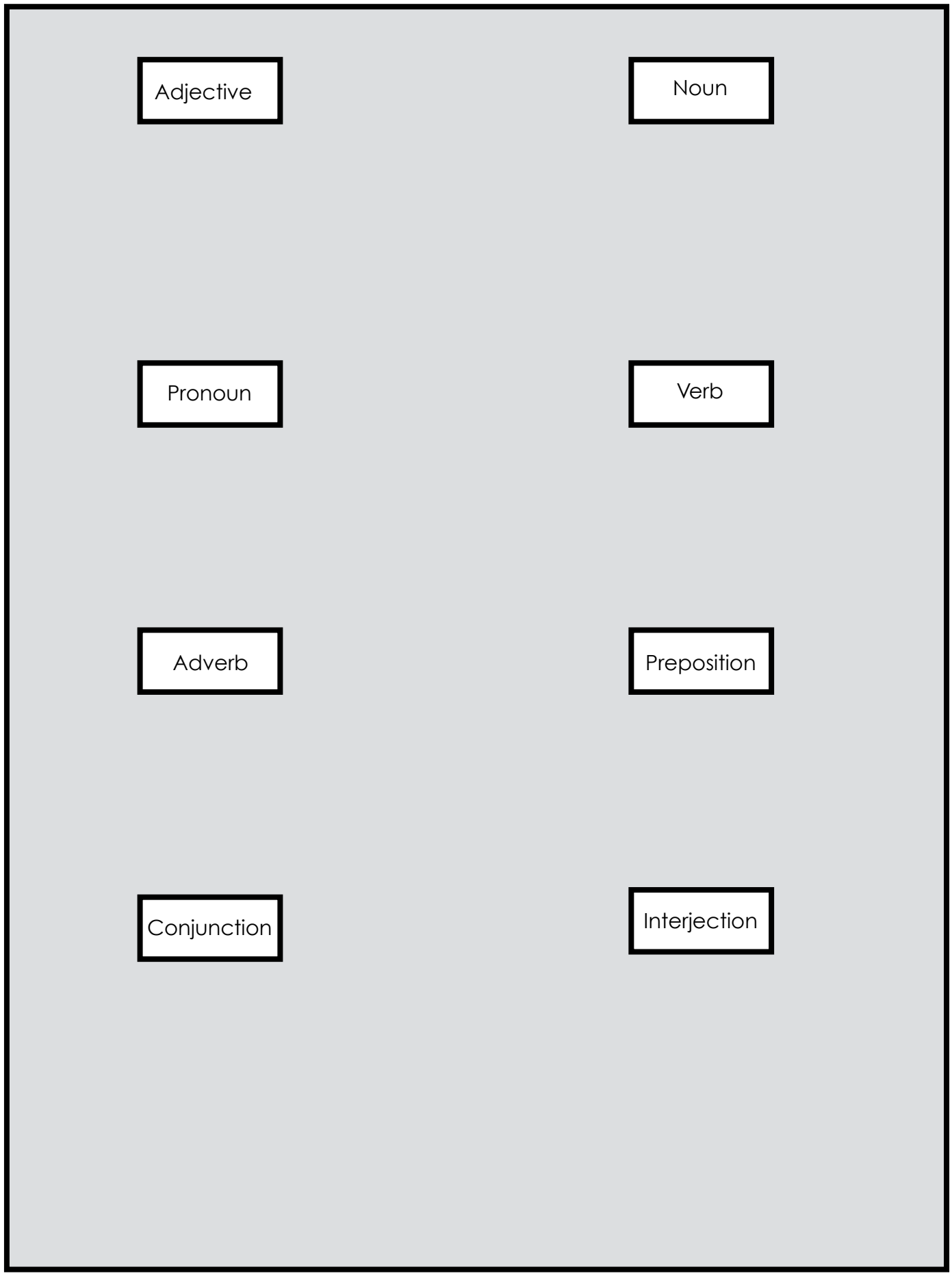

- Like the previous example, you could do four rows of two.
- Be sure to leave room below each header, and enough space between the two headers in each row.

Adjective

- What kind?
- Which one?
- How many?

Noun

- Person
- Place
- Thing
- Idea

Pronoun

- Singular
- Plural

Verb

- Action
- Helping
- Linking

* We understand every district and curriculum is different! That's why we also included EDITABLE subcategory cards so you can make and use the ones you need!

OPTIONAL SUBCATEGORIES FOR YOUR GRAMMAR WALL

Adverb

- How?
- When?
- Where?

Preposition

- Location
- Time
- Movement

Conjunction

- Coordinating
- Subordinating
- Correlative

Interjection

- Action
- Helping
- Linking

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ADDING WORDS TO YOUR GRAMMAR WALL

Congratulations! You have everything you need to start adding new words to your Grammar Wall!

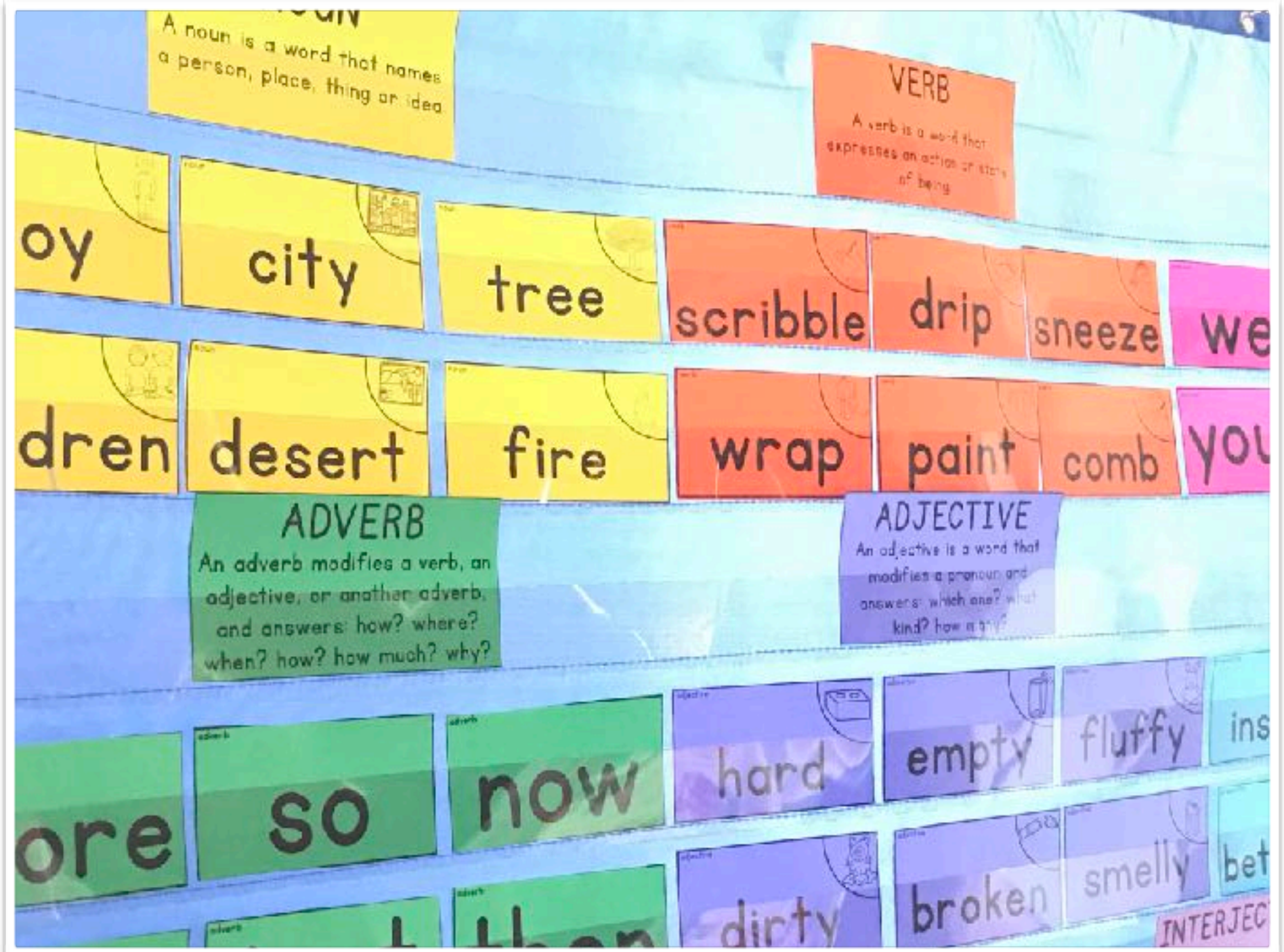
Here are some simple things to remember when using your Grammar Wall:

- Your Grammar Wall should serve as an extension of your teaching. You can integrate your Grammar Wall into your instruction throughout the day.
- You should be adding anywhere from 10-15 words to your Grammar Wall each week.
- Using subcategories is completely up to you. Each classroom, school, and district is different in their requirements. Remember, keep things developmentally appropriate.
  - For example, if the students will not learn about a "linking verb" until next year, you probably shouldn't use that subcategory.
  - If students know that nouns are divided into people, places, things, and ideas, you might want to use the subcategories.
  - We created the subcategories as an option for you to use at your own discretion. I have had years where I use them, and years where I don't. It is completely up to you.
- When you introduce a new word, be sure to have it prepared ahead of time. To help you, we have included a word list, and an index system so you can locate and organize your words quickly.
- We will not have all the words you teach, as each classroom is different. This starter kit comes with over 500 words. We have also included an editable template and/or blank cards you can use to print out as needed.

GRAMMAR WALL GAMES

We have included 20 Games you can play with your students using your Grammar Wall!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for purchasing our Color Coded Grammar Wall Starter Kit! We hope you enjoy using your Grammar Wall as much as we do!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask! You can reach us at emily@educationtothecore.com. We will try to answer any questions or comments as quickly as possible!