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**Lesson 11.5.8 Determining a Word's Part of Speech**

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**EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Parts of Speech**

In each sentence below, put a line under any examples of the part of speech indicated in the parentheses following the sentence.

**EXAMPLE** Early Native Americans ventured out in their small canoes to hunt whales that swam near the shore. (pronoun)

1. Native American whalers used bone harpoons attached to strong ropes they fashioned from the bark of trees. (preposition)
2. Sometimes when a storm occurred, a dead whale was thrown onto the beach. (verb)
3. Native Americans would strip the carcass of meat, bone, and blubber. (noun)
4. The English colonists of New England first imitated the Native Americans by waiting for dead whales to drift ashore or by hunting them from small boats. (adverb)
5. They later stationed lookouts on the beach, who shouted, "Whale off!" when they spotted one. (pronoun)
6. The colonists put the oily blubber into big iron pots, heated them over wood fires, and boiled the blubber down to a rich oil. (adjective)
7. Cooking the blubber produced such a powerful stink that everyone in the vicinity must have held his or her nose and said, "Phew!" (interjection)
8. One of the places in New England where whaling became a really big business very early was the small island of Nantucket. (noun)
9. Around 1700, the whalers of Nantucket first saw a sperm whale, the type famous due to Melville's *Moby Dick*. (preposition)
10. Melville partly based his novel on what happened to the Nantucket whaling ship *Essex*. (pronoun)
11. A huge whale unexpectedly rammed the *Essex*, which quickly sank. (adverb)
12. When the *Essex* sank, the ship was a thousand miles from the nearest land, and the crew's experience was nightmarish. (conjunction)

The following tips will help you recognize different parts of speech:

- The articles *a*, *an*, and *the* are adjectives.
- Some prepositions are made up of more than one word.
- Some adverbs do not end in *-ly*.