Grammar Grind Bonus

(20 points)

Here's your challenge: Using all eight (8) parts of speech, write the shortest possible, grammatically correct English sentence and label each part of speech correctly. Most folks think that the shortest way to do this is to use nine (9) words because of those tricky conjunctions. However, you may find some way around that. We'll see how clever you can be. Regardless of your sentence and its length, you will receive 2 points for each of the eight parts of speech only if they are accurately labeled and accurately employed. Adding in the need for an extra word to accompany the conjunction, it should equal nine words for eighteen points, and I'll throw in another two if you spell your name correctly. That will get you a total of 20 points. However, for each extra word over nine (9) words and any mistakes above and beyond the required accuracy of the basic elements, you will lose 2 points. For example, let's say that you had a perfect sentence using all eight parts of speech and labeling them correctly, but you used 12 words to do it. You would receive your 20 points for performing the task, but you would lose 6 points (3x2) for using 3 more words than necessary (Total =14).

Feel free to get any help from anyone you'd like – parents, straight-A English students, English teachers... who cares? I just want you to learn by struggling with this challenge.

Use the template below if you'd like, putting your words on the lines and your labels in the boxes.

HAVE FUN!

