Supplement 2. Grammar whatchamacallits--The absolute basics.

NOUNS Are names of people, places, animals and things. For

example...Krishna, Aristotle, Kolkota, dog, whales,

नाम porpoises, ink-pen, cell-phone etc. The "things" section

covers just about anything you can name...night, day,

compassion, anger, knowledge....

PRONOUNS Are used instead of a noun. He, she, it, they, you, I, we,

सर्वनाम

VERBS Are words that denote action. "I am reading," the verb in

क्रियापद this sentence is "am reading."

> The Sanskrit verb lets you in onto a great deal of hidden stuff...

Who performs the action.

• How many perform the action

• Whether the action is in the present, past or the future tense.

• Whether the action denotes a wish, an order or a statement.

ADJECTIVES

Are words that tell you more about the noun.

विशेषण

A beautiful baby. The brilliant sun.

SUFFIX

Are added to the end of a word. For example the letters

प्रत्यय ed...in the word added; en...in the word soften.

PREFIX

Are added to the beginning of a word.

उपसर्ग

Comfortable... Uncomfortable.

INDECLINABLES Words that NEVER EVER change.

अव्यय

ADVERBS

Are words that tell you more about the verb.

क्रियाविशेषण

He sings well. Many adverbs are She walks *slowly*.

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