

Parts of Speech



There are **eight parts of speech** in the English Language: verb, adjective, adverb, noun, pronoun, preposition, interjection, and conjunction. These parts of speech indicate how words function within a sentence, in terms of grammar and meaning. It is important to know these parts to see how words can/should be joined in writing.



Part of Speech	Definition	Example(s)
Noun (Naming word) ⇒ Noun resource: click here	The name of a person, place, animal, thing, or idea.	Examples: Child, Boston, toy, love, egg, farm, house, game, zoo, person Example sentence(s): ⇒ This is my dog . He lives in my house in London . ⇒ What is the capital of your city ?
Verb (Action word) ⇒ Verb tense resource: click here	An action or state of being. It is a word that means something is being done; an action is occurring.	Examples: Living, being, play, smelled, laughed, ask, bring, speak, take Example sentence(s): ⇒ The Lewis Owl is our resource website. I like that I have that reference available to me! ⇒ Harold drove to Toronto and seemed happy there.
Adjective (Describing Word) ⇒ Adjective resource: click here	Describes or modifies a noun or pronoun.	Examples: Wise, weird, pretty, crazy, tall, dangerous, expensive, cold, big Example sentence(s): ⇒ The little girl has a pink hat. ⇒ My dogs are big . ⇒ My two blue sweaters are weird .



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Adverb (Describes a verb) ⇒ Adverb resource: click here	Describes a verb, an adjective or modifies another adverb (ex: He is almost always late).	Examples: Very, then, quickly, well, slowly, angrily, badly, safely, lazily Example sentence(s): ⇒ Yesterday , I ate my lunch rather quickly. ⇒ He is almost always late.
Pronoun (Replaces noun) ⇒ Pronoun resource: click here	Used in place of a noun; used to avoid repetition.	Examples: He, she, we, they, I, me, him, us, theirs, it Examples sentence(s): ⇒ She is wonderful. ⇒ I want her to dance with me .
Preposition (Clarifies relationship) ⇒ Preposition resource: click here	Shows how the noun/ pronoun relates to another word in the sentence. It is a word placed before a noun or pronoun.	Examples: With, about, by, until, at, from, to, after, inside Example sentence(s): ⇒ I left my keys on the table for you. ⇒ He reads many books in the library.
Interjection (Expressive word)	Word used to express strong emotion or an outburst.	Examples: Oh! Wow! Whoops! Oh my! Hi! Ow! Example sentence(s): ⇒ Oh! I wonder if they're okay! ⇒ Wow! I can't believe I just saw that.
Conjunction (Joining word) ⇒ Conjunction resource: click here	Joins words, phrases, ideas, and clauses; shows how they are connected.	Examples: And, but, or, while, because, unless, if, when, nor Example sentence(s): ⇒ I was hungry and thirsty. ⇒ I didn't understand, but I knew I would come to learn. ⇒ I was hot and tired but I still finished the race.

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