



Parts of Speech

Noun: A word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

Example: Dane took the math test for Calculus.

Pronoun: A word used in place of a noun (or noun phrase).

Examples: he, she, it, they, us, anyone, everything, somebody, who, each, either, one

Example: He took the math test for Calculus.
Stephanie finished her coffee.

Verb: A word or phrase that indicates action or state of being. There are three types of verbs: to-be verbs, linking verbs, and action verbs.

Action Verbs:	Linking verbs:	To-Be Verbs:
study, jump, go, smell, taste	Smell, taste, feel, seem	Is, am, are, was, were
think, swim, run, feel, look	Look, become, remain	Be, being, been

These can be action verbs or linking verbs:

look, remain, seem, taste, feel, smell, stay, become, appear, grow

Example action verb: The girl tasted traces of coffee in the hot tea.

Example linking verb: The hot tea tasted like coffee.

Example: When the rain stopped, Steve drove to the park to play volleyball.
I am peaceful when I sit and look and the sunset over the ocean.

Adjective: A word used to modify a noun or pronoun. Answers the questions: what kind, how many, and whose.

Example: Emily took a grammar test that had all new material.

Adverb: A word used to modify a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Answers the questions: why, where, when, how, in what manner.

Example: Modifies a *verb*:

The firefighters quickly brought the blaze under control.

Modifies an *adjective*:

Jennifer was very happy when she won the award.

Modifies another *adverb*:

John drives too fast.

Conjunction: A word that connects and relates two or more words, phrases, clauses or sentences.

Coordinating conjunctions: and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet

Subordinating conjunctions: after, although, as if, because, if, since, unless, until, when, while, whereas, whether, why

Example coordinating conjunctions:

It was a beautiful day, so we packed a lunch and headed for the park.

Example of subordinating conjunctions:

If Mary doesn't get here soon, we will be late for the play.

While you were sleeping, I wrote on your face in permanent marker.

Preposition: A word that links a noun or pronoun to other words. It begins a prepositional phrase.

Examples: in, to, by, with, at, on, for, from, about, of, off, among, between, out, toward, upon

Example: Put the glass in the cabinet, place the dishes on the table and take the jars to the cellar.

Interjection: A word standing by itself in order to command attention or show feeling.

Examples: Hey! Ouch! Wow! Whew! Oh! Ah!

Examples: Whew! That was a tough workout.

Wow! I got an A on my biology test.