

The Eight Parts of Speech in English

In this lesson we are going to give you a quick introduction to the eight parts of speech. These are noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, and interjection.

A part of speech is just the name given to a word based on the function that it does in a sentence. Learning parts of speech is necessary for understanding the correct definition of a word and accelerate your study of English grammar.

You can think parts of speech just like job titles. Just like a person can be a soldier, a teacher or a baker – a word can be a noun, pronoun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, conjunction, or interjection depending on the job that it does in a sentence.

Parts of Speech Grammar Table

Part of Speech	Definition	Examples
Noun	A word used to identify any of a class of people, places, or things, or to name a particular one of these	dog, city, love
Pronoun	A word that is used in place of a noun	I, you, he, she, it, we, they
Verb	A word used to describe an action, occurrence, or state of being	run, be, have, do, take
Adjective	A word that describes a noun or pronoun	blue, happy, tall, friendly

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Adverb	A word used to describe a verb, adjective, or other adverb	quickly, well, very, here
Conjunction	A word used to connect clauses or sentences or to coordinate words in the same clause	and, but, or, yet, so
Preposition	A word used to show the relationship between a noun or pronoun and other words in a sentence	in, on, at, with, by
Interjection	A word or phrase used to express strong emotion	oh, wow, ouch, hurray

1. NOUN : Noun is a word used to identify any of a class of people, animals, places, things, ideas.

Nouns are separated into common nouns and proper nouns.

Common nouns are used for people, animals, places, or things.

Example: granny, mother, river, mountain, hotel, taxi, fox, camel.

Tom hates bananas.

Her father is a doctor.

Proper nouns are names for particular people, places or things. They always begin with a capital letter.

Example: Ali Baba, Harry Potter, Beethoven, Turkish, British, Malay, Hong Kong, India, The United Kingdom, the Pacific Ocean, the Eiffel Tower, Father's Day, Ramadan, Halloween.

☛ The days of the week and months of the year are also proper nouns.

December is the last month of the year.

Sunday is the last day of the week.

Nouns can be singular or plural.

When you are talking about one person, animal, place, or thing, use a singular noun.

Example: a ship, a teacher, a river, an apple, an umbrella.

When you are talking about two or more people, animals, places, or things, use plural nouns. Most nouns are made plural by adding -s at the end.

Example: ships, teachers, rivers, apples, umbrellas

Some exceptions:

bus-buses. glass-glasses. watch-watches. brush-brushes.

butterfly-butterflies. baby-babies. lady-ladies. story-stories.

2. PRONOUN: A pronoun is a word that can replace a noun in a sentence.

Personal Pronouns: The words I, you, he, she, it, we and they are called personal pronouns.

He is a nice guy.

You are welcome.

Possessive Pronouns: Their words mine, yours, hers, his, its, theirs, ours, yours, theirs are called possessive pronouns.

This car is mine.

Time is yours.