

The Eight Parts of Speech in English

3. VERB: A word used to describe an action, state, and forming the main part of the predicate of a sentence, such as hear, become, happen, run, eat.

Most verbs are action words. Verbs show you what people, animals or things are doing.

Verbs can show actions or they can show states or situations. Those are the two types of verbs in English.

☛ I am eating. – verb (eat) shows an action.

☛ I am a student. verb (to be) shows a state.

There is a main verb and sometimes one or more helping verbs.

Birds can fly. 'Fly' is the main verb, 'can' is the helping verb.

☛ Verbs also change and take different forms to show tenses.

I drink a lot of water ☛ I drank a lot of water yesterday.

4. ADJECTIVE : An adjective is a describing word. Adjective describes a noun or a pronoun.

The red carpet.

Deep thoughts.

She is beautiful today.

☛ Adjectives have different endings. Some adjectives end in -ful or -less.

careful, colorful, harmful, faithful, hopeful.

careless, colorless, harmless, faithless, hopeless.

☛ Some adjectives end in -y.

a rainy day, a dirty carpet.

☛ Some adjectives end in -ive.

a creative person, an active hour, talkative person.

☛ Some adjectives end in -ing.

a smiling face, loving parents, a caring doctor.

5. ADVERB: A word that describes a verb, an adjective, another adverb, or a sentence. It tells you about an action, or the way something is done.

☛ A lot of adverbs end in -ly.

We are happily married.

Suddenly, she knows. It's love!

6. PREPOSITION : A preposition is a word that connects one thing with another, showing how they are related.

Prepositions tell us about time, position or place.

Some examples of prepositions are words like 'in,' 'at,' 'on,' 'of,' 'to,' 'from.'

Book was on the table.

I am from France.

7. CONJUNCTION: A conjunction is a linking word that used to connect clauses or sentences. For example and, or, but, as, if.

Conjunctions are used to connect words, phrases, and clauses together.

a teacher and students.

a male or female?

☛ Words such as before, after, as, when, while, until, since, are conjunctions of time.

Maryam could play guitar before she was four.

There are four categories of conjunctions:

- Coordinating conjunctions: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so.
- Correlative conjunctions: both/and, either/or, neither/nor, not only/but, whether/or.
- Subordinating conjunctions: after, although, as, as if, as long as, as much as, as soon as, as though, because, before, by the time, even if, even though, if, in order that, in case, in the event that, now that, once, only, only if, provided that, since, so, supposing, that, than, though, till, unless, until, when, whenever, where, whereas, wherever, whether or not, while.

8.INTERJECTION: An interjection is a word that expresses an emotion, sudden, strong feeling such as surprise, pain, or pleasure.

☛ It is often followed by an exclamation point.

Oh my God! Good luck! Look out!