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Grammar: Parts of Speech



Parts of Speech

What are Parts of Speech?

In English, words are categorised into different groups called parts of speech. There are eight parts of speech.

Noun

A noun is a word that names a

Person: mother, son, Rahul, Sunita

Place: city, village, Satara, Venice

Thing: stamp, bottle, bag, tank

Idea: love, happiness, sorrow, cheer

Pronoun

A pronoun is a word used instead of a noun.

Personal pronouns: I, we, you, he, she, it, they

Pronouns of quantity: nine, many, few

Reflexive: myself, himself, themselves

Relative: who, which, whom, that, whose

Adjective

An adjective is a word that describes nouns and pronouns.

Which one: **this** book, **that** girl

What kind: **good** food, **bad** weather

How many: **four** bottles, **less** water, **fewer** places

Verb

A verb shows the action performed by the subject in a sentence.

Rohit **laughed** at the poor man.

Nishita **sleeps** at 10 pm.

I **think** this is a good idea.

Virat **threw** the ball at Gaurav.

You must **catch** the ball within 10 seconds.

Adverb

An adverb is a word that describes a verb, adjective or another adverb.

He was defeated **easily**.

Mother would have **gladly** cooked for us.

You will regret **later**.

Joe **recently** moved to Boston.

Sheetal went **abroad** for her studies.

I am **quite** famished.

Vipul **seldom** stays outdoors until late.

Preposition

A preposition is a word which expresses a class of words in relation to space and time.

Indicating time: Meet me **at** 5 pm in the park.

Indicating place: We were all seated **around** the table.

Indicating movement: Pamela dived **into** the pool.

Conjunction

A conjunction is a word or a group of words which can join words, phrases and clauses.

Coordinating conjunctions: FANBOYS –for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
I went to the market **and** bought vegetables.

Subordinating: when, while, because, since, whereas, etc
Kiran will stay at home **since** she is feeling unwell.

I was reading a book **when** the door bell rang.

Interjection

An interjection is a word used to express strong emotions and is followed by the exclamation (!) mark

Ouch! You stepped on my foot. (Pain)

Alas! The thief was killed by the mob. (Sadness)

Yay! We won the final match. (Triumph)

Arrgh! The neighbour again scattered garbage here.