

What Is a Part of Speech?

Parts of speech are among the first grammar topics we learn when we are in school or when we start our English language learning process. Parts of speech can be defined as words that perform different roles in a sentence. Some parts of speech can perform the functions of other parts of speech too

Parts of Speech Definition

The Oxford Learner's Dictionary defines parts of speech as "one of the classes into which words are divided according to their grammar, such as noun, verb, adjective, etc

The Cambridge Dictionary also gives a similar definition – "One of the grammatical groups into which words are divided, such as noun, verb, and adjective

Different Parts of Speech with Examples

Parts of speech include nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections

1-Nouns:are a word that names a person, place, concept, or object. Basically, anything that names a "thing" is a noun, whether you're talking about a basketball, court, San Francisco, or Cleopatra. Nouns can be classified into two main categories: Common nouns and Proper nouns. Common nouns are generic like ball, car, stick, etc., and proper nouns are more specific like Charles, The White House, The Sun, etc

2-Pronouns:are words you substitute for specific nouns when the reader or listener already knows which - specific noun you're referring to.You might say, "Susan was supposed to be here at eight," then follow it with "Susan is always late; next time I'll tell Susan to be here a half hour earlier

Instead of saying Susan 's name three times in a row, you substituted she and her, and your sentences remained grammatically correct. Pronouns are divided into a number of categories ,subjective, objective and possession pronouns.

3-Adjectives: are the words that describe nouns. An adjective can go right before the noun it's describing ("I - have a black dog"), but it doesn't have to. Sometimes, adjectives are at the end of a sentence (My dog is black)

4-Verbs: are words that describe specific actions, like running, winning, and being amazing-

Not all verbs refer to literal actions, though. Verbs that refer to feelings or states of being, like to love and to be, are known as nonaction verbs. Conversely, the verbs that do refer to literal actions are known as action verbs

.5-Adverbs: are a word that describes an adjective, a verb, or another adverb-

I entered the room **quietly**

Quietly is describing how you entered (verb) the room

A cheetah is always **faster** than a lion

Always is describing how **frequently** a cheetah is faster (adjective) than a lion

6-Prepositions :Prepositions tell you the relationships between other words in a sentence-

child hid his birthday presents **under** his bed

Mom asked me to go to the store **near** my school

7-Conjunctions :are a part of speech that is used to connect two different parts of a sentence, phrases and .7 clauses. Some examples of conjunctions are and, or, for, yet, although, because, not only, etc

:Examples of conjunctions used in sentences

.Meera **and** Jasmine had come to my birthday party

.Jane did not go to work **as** she was sick

.**Unless** you work hard, you cannot score good marks

.I have not finished my project, **yet** I went out with my friends

8-Interjections :are words that are used to convey strong emotions or feelings. Some examples of .8 interjections are oh, wow, alas, yippee, etc. It is always followed by an exclamation mark

:Examples of interjections used in sentences

.**Wow!** What a wonderful work of art

.**Alas!** That is really sad

Yippee! We won the match

Frequently Asked Questions on Parts of Speech

Q/1 What are parts of speech?

The term 'parts of speech' refers to words that perform different functions in a sentence in order to give the .sentence a proper meaning and structure

Q/2 How many parts of speech are there?

There are 8 parts of speech in total

Q/3 What are the 8 parts of speech

Nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections are the 8 parts of .speech