

Grammar Passport № 2.

Parts of Speech

Parts of speech are the basic categories of words or word “families” that exist in the English language.

There are 9 parts of speech:

nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions, interjections, and articles.

It is important to know them, so that you can understand grammar explanations and use the right word in the right place!

Noun

A noun is a naming word. It names a person, place, thing, idea, living creature, quality, or action. Examples:
cowboy, theatre, box, thought, tree, kindness, arrival

Verb

A verb is a word which describes an action (doing something) or a state (being something). Examples:
walk, talk, think, believe, live, like, want

Adjective

An adjective is a word that describes a noun. It tells you something about the noun. Examples:
big, yellow, thin, amazing, beautiful, quick, important

Adverb

An adverb is a word which usually describes a verb. It tells you how something is done. It may also tell you when or where something happened. Examples:
slowly, intelligently, well, yesterday, tomorrow, here, everywhere

Pronoun

A pronoun is used instead of a noun, to avoid repeating the noun. Examples:
I, you, he, she, it, we, they

Conjunction

A conjunction joins two words, phrases or sentences together. Examples:
but, so, and, because, or

Preposition

A preposition usually comes before a noun, pronoun or noun phrase. It joins the noun to some other part of the sentence. Examples:
on, in, by, with, under, through, at

Interjection

An interjection is an unusual kind of word, because it often stands alone. Interjections are words which express emotion or surprise, and they are usually followed by exclamation marks. Examples:
Ouch!, Hello!, Hurray!, Oh no!, Ha!

Article

An article is used to introduce a noun. Examples:
the, a, an

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Check yourself!

Find at least 3 examples of each part
of speech.

Noun

Verb

Adjective

Adverb

Pronoun

Conjunction

Preposition

Interjection

Article

Please note!

Each word “family” has its own special features. We are going to learn them later in the course.

Additional materials:

- **Parts of speech game:**

<http://www.fchp.org/news/announcements/~media/Files/FCHP/Imported/grammarfillin.pdf.ashx>

- **Parts of speech Mad Libs:**

<http://www.itsamadlibsworld.com/index.php?edition=27>