

Grammar Notes

The terms PARTS OF SPEECH refer to the job a word does in a sentence—to its formation or use. Since there are eight jobs, words are divided into eight classes or parts of speech.

NAME	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
Noun Abstract Noun Concrete Noun	Person, place or thing Feeling or idea Something you can touch	Jim, Paris, watch Love, hate, fear Book, desk
Adjective	Describes a noun	<u>Black</u> cat <u>Big</u> box
Pronoun	Takes the place of a noun	He, she, They, it
Verb	An action word	Jump, run, kick, fly
Adverb	Describes a verb	(ly) Quickly, swiftly, quietly
Conjunction	Joins words and sentences together	And, but, because, neither, nor
Preposition	Shows where or when something is	The book is <u>on</u> the table. She danced <u>in</u> the room. <u>Tomorrow</u> we have a test.
Interjection	A strong emotion	(!) Wow! Ouch! Hey!

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