

Parts of Speech



These are the basic types of words that the English language has. These are basically the job a word has in a sentence:

Noun - a naming word for a person, place, thing, idea, living creature, quality, or action. Examples: *cowboy, theatre, box, thought, tree, kindness, arrival.*

Verb - an action word for doing something or a state of being something. Examples: *walk, talk, think, believe, live, like, want.*

Conjunction - joins two words, phrases or sentences together. Examples: *but, so, and, because, or.*

Adjective - a word that describes a thing. It tells you something about it. Examples: *big, yellow, thin, amazing, beautiful, quick, important.*

Pronoun - used instead of a noun, to avoid repeating the noun. Examples: *I, you, he, she, it, we, they.*

Adverb - a word which usually describes a verb. It tells you how something is done or when or where something happened. Examples: *slowly, intelligently, well, yesterday, tomorrow, here, everywhere.*

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 unusual kind of word, as it often stands alone. They are words which express emotion or surprise. Examples: *Ouch!, Hello!, Hurray!, Oh no!, Ha!*

The 8 parts of speech don't include Articles, but these words which are used to introduce nouns are also important. Examples: *the, a, an*