

Parts of Speech

- Noun** Name of a person, place, or thing.
- chair, dog, judge, Jack, library, kitchen
- Pronoun** A word used to take the place of a noun.
- The waiter said that *he* was sorry that *he* spilled the water.
- Verb** The most important part of any sentence.
- It shows action or movement (*run, jump, fly, eat, dance*)
or
 - It tells a state of existence (*was, is, are, will be, has been*)
- Adverb** A word that tells how, when, or where the action of a verb is done.
Mary sings *beautifully*. (how)
- The magician will perform *soon*. (when)
 - My mother hid the cookies *below* the kitchen counter. (where)
- Adjective** A word used to describe a noun.
- The red car had a large dent in the front fender.
- Adjectives have different forms depending on degree:
- The pot hole on Sixth Street is large.
 - The hole on Tenth Avenue is even larger. (comparative)
 - The pot hole on Main Street is the largest. (superlative)
 - Miss Jones was an efficient secretary.
 - Miss Brown was even more efficient.
 - Mrs. Moody was the most efficient of them all.
- Conjunction** A word used to connect other words and ideas in a sentence.
- We had some rain in the morning, and the afternoon was cloudy, but the evening was very clear.
 - The main coordinating conjunctions are *and, or, but, for, so, nor, and yet*
- Preposition** Usually a small word which shows a relationship between other phrases or ideas in a sentence.
- I sat **IN** the third seat **FROM** the aisle **BY** the door.
 - Some often-used prepositions are: in, by, to, with, from, and by
- Interjection** A word or “sound” which implies great or sudden excitement, surprise, anger, pain, or similar emotion.
- “Wow! Are you the real Michael Jackson?”
 - “Oh, what a beautiful painting!”