



Parts of Speech – Quick Guide

What are the nine main parts of speech in the English language?

Nouns: A noun is a person, place, thing, quality, or act.

Examples: pencil, girl, supermarket, happiness

Pronouns: A pronoun replaces a noun or noun phrase that is understood from context.

Examples: I, he, it, we, you, they

Verbs: Verbs are action or existence words that tell what nouns do.

Examples: fly, run, be, write, know, study, jump, live

Adjectives: An adjective describes a noun.

Examples: happy, crazy, wonderful

Adverbs: An adverb describes a verb, adjective, or adverb. It often ends in "ly".

Examples: carefully, easily, barely

Conjunctions: A conjunction joins together words, phrases, or clauses.

Examples: and, or, but

Prepositions: A preposition describes the relationship between a noun and another noun (or verb or adverb). Examples: to, under, for, at, by, from

Articles: Include *a*, *an*, and *the*. They precede a noun or a noun phrase in a sentence.

Example: They wanted *a* house with *a* big porch.

Example: He bought *the* blue sweater on sale.

Example: The man caused *an* accident because he was texting while driving.

Interjections: An outcry or sudden utterance. Usually starts a sentence.

Examples: Wow! Gosh! Darn! Ugh.