

Parts of Speech: Learn the basics

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All the sentences in the [English language](#) contain verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs etc. These are known as '[parts of speech](#)'. They are required to complete any sentence logically. A grammatically correct sentence depends on the parts of speech for their accuracy. We will discuss about the eight parts of speech in this article.



Parts Of Speech:

1. Verb

The verb refers to an action or a state of action. Some of the most used verbs include 'be, have, do, like' etc.

Example:

1. I **love** football.
2. I **run** in the morning.
3. **Do** you **have** a candy?
4. They **are fighting** with the rebels.
5. He **is** babysitting them.

2. Adjective

The adjective is used to describe a noun. Example words include 'red, big, beautiful' etc.

Example:

1. I have an **amazing** dog.
2. I like **cream** cakes.
3. She is **beautiful**.
4. It is a **great** company.
5. The car is **sturdy**.

3. Noun

It is used to denote a specific thing or person. Example words are 'pen, dog, bus' etc.

Example:

1. This is my **house**.
2. This is my **car**.
3. We live in **Singapore**.
4. The **river** is overflowing.
5. The **tank** edged closer.



4. Adverb

It is used to describe a verb or an adjective. Words can be 'silently, badly, really' etc.

Example:

1. My son eats **quickly**.
2. When he is very angry, he shouts **a lot**.
3. He is **really** a great guy.
4. She is a **very** bad manager.
5. She visits us **occasionally**.

5. Preposition

The job of a preposition is to link a noun to another word. Sample words include 'to, at, after, on'.

Example:

1. She went **to** school **on** Tuesday.
2. I will be coming **on** Monday.
3. Christmas is **on** Wednesday.
4. They will come **after** the match.
5. He is staying **at** Harold's.

6. Pronoun

It is used to replace or substitute a noun. Sample words are 'I, you, he, she'.

Example:

1. Tara is American. **She** is beautiful.
2. The material is from Germany and **it** is very strong.
3. The Italians are very cunning. **They** are not to be trusted.

4. **She** is very talented.

7. Interjection

Interjections are short exclamations and are used to denote surprise. Sample words are 'oh! Hi!'.

Example:

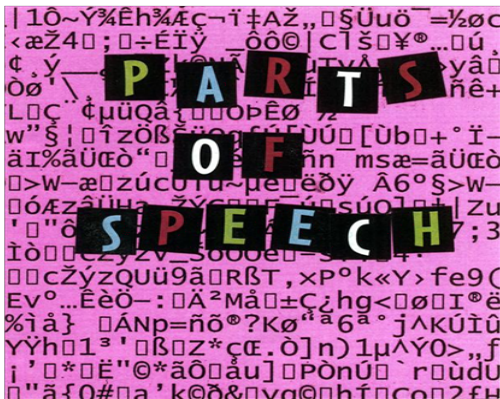
1. **Ouch!** That's painful!
2. **Hi!** Do I know you?
3. It's amazing!
4. What a serene picture!
5. **That's** a horrible smell!

8. Conjunction

While joining clauses in the sentences, conjunctions are used. Sample words are 'and, but, when'.

Example:

1. I like chicken **and** fish.
2. I love bread **and** jam.
3. I like dogs **but** I don't like cats.
4. Bring the shirt **and** the pants.
5. Both the pen**and** pad should be on the table.



The above-mentioned components constitute to form parts of speech. Missing any of them can lead to grammatically incorrect English sentences. Once you master them, [fluent English skills](#) will be within reach. You could also practice English grammar daily with the help of an online English tutor to help you better not only your grammatical skills but also your [spoken English communication skills](#).

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