

Helpful Hints to Parts of Speech

Noun: A word used to name a person, place, or thing.

There are two kinds of nouns.

- ✓ **Common noun:** names a person, place, or thing
Examples are girl, country, and newspaper
- ✓ **Proper Noun:** names a particular person, place, or thing
Examples are Mary, Canada, and The Daily Herald

Pronoun: A word used in place of one or more nouns.

- ✓ **Subject pronouns:** used in place of subject nouns
Examples are he, she, it, we, you, and they
- ✓ **Object pronouns:** used in place of object nouns
Examples are him, her, it, us, you, and them
- ✓ **Possessive pronouns:** shows possession or ownership
Examples are his, hers, its, ours, yours, theirs, mine
- ✓ **Demonstrative pronouns:** pronouns used without a noun following it
Examples are this, that, these, those

Adjective: A word used to describe a noun or a pronoun. Adjectives answer the questions: What kind? Which one? How many or how much?

Examples: What kind? tall woman steep mountain
Which one? this year last answer
How many or how much? five times no supplies

Demonstrative adjective: this, that, these, those
followed by a noun Example: this cat

Verb: A word that shows an action or links the subject and a word in the predicate together.

Action Verb: Tells what the subject of a sentence does
Examples of action verbs are: play, runs, hits

Linking Verb: Links or connects the subject of a sentence with a word that follows the verb

Examples of linking verbs are: am, is, are, was, were, appear, look, become, taste, feel, sound, and smell

Adverb: A word that gives more information about the verb. An adverb often comes immediately before or after the verb it tells about. It answers the questions: how? when? and where?

Examples of how: carefully, quickly, silently

Examples of when: soon, later

Examples of where: there, here

Preposition: A word used to show the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to some other word in the sentence. A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or a pronoun.

Commonly used prepositions are:

about	above	across	after	against	along	among
around	at	before	behind	below	beneath	beside
between	beyond	by	down	during	except	for
from	in	into	through	throughout	to	toward
under	until	up	upon	with	without	within

Conjunction: A word which joins words or groups of words.
Examples are and, but, and or

Interjection: A word which expresses emotion or sudden and strong feeling.
Examples are: Oh! Wow! Well!