

Lesson : The parts of speech

1. Introduction

A *part of speech* is a category of words that have the same function in a sentence. For example, some words name things, some words describe things, and some words show actions.”

2. The Eight Basic Parts of Speech

The six main parts of Speech are :

2.1. Nouns (Names of things, people, places)

Definition:

A **noun** is a word that names a **person, place, thing, or idea**.

Examples:

- People: *teacher, student, mother*
- Places: *school, Algeria, city*
- Things: *book, phone, chair*
- Ideas: *love, happiness*

example:

- The **teacher** is in the **school**.

Nouns answer the questions: *Who ? or What ?*”

2.2. Verbs (Action or state)

Definition:

A **verb** is a word that shows an **action** or a **state of being**.

Examples of actions:

run, eat, write, speak, jump

Examples of state verbs:

be, feel, seem

Sentence examples:

- I **eat** breakfast.
- She **is** happy.

2.3. Adjectives (Describe nouns)

Definition:

An **adjective** describes a **noun**. It tells us more about a person, place, or thing.

Examples:

- *big, small, beautiful, happy, red, cold*

Sentence example:

- She has a **big** house.
- It is a **cold** day.

2.4. Adverbs (Describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs)

Definition:

An **adverb** tells us **how, when, where, or how often** something happens.

Many adverbs end in **-ly**, but not always.

Examples:

- How : *quickly, slowly, well*
- When : *today, now, later*
- Where : *here, there, outside*
- How often : *always, usually, never*

Sentence examples:

- She runs **quickly**.
- I will call you **later**.

2.5. Pronouns (Replace nouns)

Definition:

A **pronoun** replaces a noun to avoid repetition.

Examples:

- *I, you, he, she, it, we, they*
- Object pronouns: *me, him, her, us, them*

Sentence example:

- Sara is my friend. **She** is kind.
- I see **him** every day.

2.6. Prepositions (Show relation or position)

Definition:

A **preposition** shows the **relationship** between a noun and another word. Often shows **place, time, or direction**.

Examples:

- Place: *on, in, under, next to*
- Time: *at, on, during*
- Direction: *to, from, into*

Sentence examples:

- The book is **on** the table.
- I go **to** school.

4. Two More Parts (Very Simple Introduction)

4.1. Conjunctions (Join words)

Examples : *and, but, or*

- I like tea **and** coffee.

4.2. Interjections (Emotion words)

Examples : *Oh ! Wow ! Ouch!*

- **Wow !** This cake is delicious !

5. Summary Table

Part of Speech	Function	Example
Noun	names things	<i>book</i>
Verb	action/state	<i>eat</i>
Adjective	describes noun	<i>beautiful</i>
Adverb	describes verb/adjective	<i>quickly</i>
Pronoun	replaces noun	<i>she</i>
Preposition	shows relation	<i>in</i>

6. Understanding Check (Mini Test)

Choose the correct part of speech.

1. *The **dog** is brown.*
→ dog =

2. *She runs fast.*
→ runs =
3. *This is a small bag.*
→ small =
4. *He speaks slowly.*
→ slowly =
5. *The cat is under the chair.*
→ under =

7. Practice Exercises

Exercise 1 : Identify the part of speech

Write **N** (noun), **V** (verb), **Adj** (adjective), **Adv** (adverb), **P** (preposition), **Pro** (pronoun).

1. **They** are in the room.
2. The **tall** boy runs **quickly**.
3. My phone is **on** the table.
4. I **like** apples.
5. **She** is my sister.

Exercise 2 : Complete the sentences

Choose the correct word.

1. She is a (*happy / happily*) girl. →
2. He speaks (*good / well*). →
3. The cat is (*in / quickly*) the box. →