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# Nouns

Nouns are the names of persons, places, things (including living things), and ideas.

Persons: student, teacher, Justin Bieber

Places: beach, mountain, Mexico

Things: cellphone, apple, Fido

Ideas: justice, freedom, happiness

# Pronouns

Pronouns are words used in place of nouns to avoid needless and confusing repetition. Pronouns also help identify the speaker.

Without pronouns:

Ms. Pla loves to use Ms. Pla's iPad.

With pronouns:

I love to use my iPad.

She loves to use her iPad.

# Verbs

A verb is a word that shows action or state of being or links the subject to another word in the sentence.

The soccer ball **flew** out of the field.

Megan **is** excited about the trip.

Jimmy's locker **smells** funny.

# Adjectives

An adjective is a word that describes a noun or a pronoun.

Mayra is **pretty**. She is also **smart**.

My mom bought me an **orange** sweater.

The **unlucky** bird was sucked into the **jet** engine.

# Articles

Articles (a, an, the) are words that introduce nouns. They are a type of adjective.

Jamie brought **a** frog to school. **The** frog jumped on **the** teacher's head. Jamie was so embarrassed that she hid inside **a** recycling bin for **the** rest of **the** period. **The** teacher gave her **an** "F" for **the** day.

# Adverbs

Adverbs are words that modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. They provide the following information: how, when, where, how often, how much.

Jamie hid **so quickly** that nobody noticed.  
She didn't return to class until **much later**.  
I saw her playing with her frog **outside**. She's in a lot of trouble **now**, but that's how it **usually** is.  
She's a **very** unusual girl.

# Prepositions

Prepositions are words that show position, direction, or add information. They are always part of a prepositional phrase.

Jamie hid in a recycling bin.

The principal wandered around the school searching for her.

He even checked inside a locker full of smelly socks.



# Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that connect words, groups of words, or sentences.

Sebastian **and** Esteban are brothers.  
Sebastian likes to play soccer **and** hang out with friends, **whereas** Esteban likes to play the guitar **and** surf the Internet.

**Both** boys enjoy playing video games **and** going for a swim.

# Interjections

Interjections are stand-alone words or phrases that show strong emotion.

**Wow**, I didn't know you were such a good writer.

**Yay!** Tomorrow we'll all go to the beach!

**Oh no!** The car broke down!

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