



Parts of Speech

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Introduction

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Read the following sentences and see how the word *fishing* is being used.

I like to go *fishing* on Sundays.

verb

She has a *fishing* rod.

adjective

Fishing is my favorite sport.

noun

In general, it is important to read the sentence and determine **how** the word is being used, even though some words are strictly thought of as verbs, nouns, adjectives, etc.



Nouns

now found
in North A
English - v
an Asiatic v
now grown
(b) its nut.
Eng'lish, n.
2. the langu
in the United
British Empir
3. the Englis
or place; as, A
Middle English
4. a...

Nouns

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

The *cat* chased the *toy*.

Toby made *macaroni* for the *picnic*.

The *leaves* on the *plant* are shriveling.

The *author* discusses *philosophy* in her *book* on *liberty*.



Pronouns

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Read the following sentences:

Ava works in a store where Ava gets to meet interesting customers.

Candace, Thomas, and Gregory are visiting relatives in Colorado. When Candace, Thomas, and Gregory return, I will have Candace, Thomas, and Gregory call Mr. Ramos back.

These sentences are long and boring because the nouns are repeated. To avoid repeating a noun, a *pronoun* can be used instead.

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Adjectives

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

In the following examples, the adjectives are underlined and the *nouns or pronouns they describe are bold and italicized*.

The yellow and orange *sunset* spread across the darkened *sky*.

I have twelve *boxes*, but I still need more.

The sour *milk* made his little *nose* wriggle.

The soldier wore camouflage *pants* and carried a heavy *gun*.