

PARTS OF SPEECH

What Is a Part of Speech?

A part of speech refers to the **function** that a particular word plays in a sentence. The eight parts of speech are: **noun, verb, adjective, adverb, conjunction, interjection, preposition** and **pronoun**.

Examples:

- **Noun**-name of a person, place, thing, or idea
- **Verb**-expresses **action** or a state of being
- **Adjective**-modifies a **noun** or a pronoun
- **Adverb**-modifies a **verb**, an adjective, or another adverb
- **Conjunction**-joins words or groups of words
- **Interjection**-expresses emotions
- **Preposition**-shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in a sentence
- **Pronoun**-replaces a noun

Try This

- 1] What part of speech is *John* in the sentence: "John was the President of the United States."?
- The President of the United States was John F. Kennedy.
- noun
 - verb
 - adjective
 - adverb

- 2] What **part of speech** is in *italic print*?
- My youngest nephew jumped fearlessly *into* the pool.
- adverb
 - preposition
 - verb
 - adjective

- 3] **Wow**, no wonder I am tired!
- The word in bold print is an **interjection**.
- true
 - false

- 4] Will you take **us** on your next business trip?
- The word in bold print is a **noun**.
- true
 - false



PREVIEW

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