

PARTS OF SPEECH

Delgado Community College

Every word in the English language can be grouped into different types, each type is called a part of speech. Each part of speech has its own rules rule for use.

Part of Speech	Explanation	Examples
Noun	Words that are a person, place, thing, event, idea, or concept.	Common nouns: girl, boy, city, war Proper nouns: New Orleans, Civil War
Verb	A word that shows action or describes a state of being. Actions verbs show action or possession Linking verbs connect subjects in a sentence to a noun or an adjective. Helping verbs are words used before linking or action verbs to offer additional information.	run, walk, eat is, are, seems can, could, will
Article	The words <i>a</i> , <i>an</i> that are used before singular count nouns, referring to something not specific. The word <i>the</i> that is used before any noun whose identity is specific.	a cat, an apple the parade on Saturday, the bowl
Pronoun	A word that replaces a noun. Pronouns can be subject, object, possessive, reflexive, indefinite, or demonstrative	I, me, my, you, she, he, it, them, her, who, whom, yourself, anyone, someone, no one, that
Adjective	Words that are used to modify nouns.	happy, sad, four, red, blue
Adverb	Words that are used to modify verbs, adjectives, adverbs	quickly, extremely, very, soon
Preposition	Words that express a relationship to another word. Prepositions create prepositional phrases.	above, about, in, under, before
Conjunction	Coordinating conjunctions are used to connect two elements. FANBOYS is the acronym. Subordinating conjunctions are used to introduce subordinating (dependent) clauses.	for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so because, since, which, although
Interjection	Words that convey surprise, agreement, or other emotions.	well, ouch
