

# PARTS OF SPEECH

## Nouns

**Common Noun:** a word that names a person, place, concept, or object

**Proper Noun:** a specific name of a person, place, or thing and is always capitalized

## Adjectives

words that describe nouns

## Adverbs

word that describes an adjective, a verb, or another adverb

## Conjunctions

words to build complex sentences that express multiple ideas

## Pronouns

words you substitute for specific nouns when the reader or listener already knows which specific noun you're referring to

## Verbs

words that describe specific actions

## Prepositions

tell you the relationships between other words in a sentence

## Articles

words that identify a noun as being specific or unspecific.

## Tips for Classification

Removing a word and the sentence still makes sense but detail is lost, the word is most likely an adjective

**Example:** "She drives a red van."  
"She drives a van."



Swapping out a word for a noun and the sentence still makes sense, the word is a pronoun

**Example:** "She loves reading."/  
"Rebecca loves reading."

An adjective plus the ending -"ly" is an adverb

**Example:** quickly



The same word can be used for multiple parts of speech!

**Example:** Well

"She paints very well" (adverb)

"They are well now, after being sick" (adjective)

"I dropped a penny into the well" (noun)