

# CHAPTER

# 1

# PARTS OF SPEECH

Words are divided into different kinds or classes, called Parts of Speech, according to their use; that is, according to the work they do in a sentence.

The parts of speech are eight in number:

1. Noun
2. Adjective
3. Pronoun
4. Verb
5. Adverb
6. Preposition
7. Conjunction
8. Interjection

*The word thing includes (i) all objects that we can see, hear, taste, touch, or smell; and (ii) something that we can think of, but cannot perceive by the senses.*

**NOUN** is a word used as the name of a person, place, or thing; as, Akbar was a great king.

**Examples:**

Solomon was a wise king.

January marks the beginning of a year.

An **ADJECTIVE** is a word used to add something to the meaning of a noun.

**Examples:**

He is a brave boy.

There are twenty boys in this class.

A **PRONOUN** is a word used instead of a noun.

**Examples:**

Ram is absent, because he is out of station.

The dresses are where you left them.

A **VERB** is a word used to express an action or state.

**Examples:**

A boy writes letters to her grandmother daily.

London is an expensive city.

An **ADVERB** is a word used to add something to the meaning of a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

**Examples:**

He finished the meal quickly.

This flower is very beautiful.

**PREPOSITION** is a word used with a noun or a pronoun to show how the person or thing denoted by the noun or pronoun stands in relation to something else.

**Examples:**

There is a book on the table.

The boy plays football in the yard.

A **CONJUNCTION** is a word used to join words or sentences.

**Examples:**

Sita and Mana are good friends.

Two and two make four.

An **INTERJECTION** is a word which expresses some sudden feeling.

**Examples:**

Hurrah! We have won the game.

Alas! She is no more.

Some modern grammars include "Determiners" among the parts of speech.

**DETERMINERS** are words like a, an, the, one, two, this, that, these, those, every, each, some, any, my, his, etc., which determine or limit the meaning of the nouns that follow.

A **Mnemonic Device** for 8 Parts of Speech helps students remember the 8 parts of speech using the acronym PAPA N VIC which stand for pronoun, adverb, preposition, adjective, noun, verb, interjection and conjunction.

Papa N Vic

(P) Pronoun

(A) Adverb

(P) Preposition

(A) Adjective

(N) Noun

(V) Verb

(I) Interjection

(C) Conjunction

**Parts of Speech**

Here are some examples of sentences made with different English parts of speech:

verb
Go!

noun	verb
Simi	dances.

noun	verb	verb
Simi	is	dancing.

pronoun	verb	noun
He	plays	football.

noun	verb	noun	adverb
Pihu	speaks	French	fluently.

noun	verb	adjective	noun
Pihu	speaks	improved	fluently.

pronoun	verb	preposition	determiner	noun	adverb
She	goes	to	the	airport	frequently.

pron.	verb	adj.	noun	conjunction	pron.	verb	pron.
He	hates	chilled	drinks	but	I	prefer	them.

Here is a sentence that contains every part of speech:

interjection	pron.	conj.	det.	adj.	noun	verb	prep.	noun	adverb
Well,	he	and	that	naughty	boy	goes	to	Dennis'	regularly.

**WARM -UP EXERCISE**

Identify the part of speech of the word in bold.

I bought a **small** pup at the mall.

Dhey called his friend **but** no one answered.

**She** was wearing a beautiful attire.

I found a new pen **under** the bed.

I have opted out of the **University** of Wales.

I **lecture** at the Institute of Business. .

I am wearing a **green** dress for the party.

**Oh!** That is really sad.

The parents asked the **teachers** about the curriculum.

The clothes did not dry **as** it was raining all night.

**Answers**

Adjective  
Conjunction  
Pronoun  
Preposition  
Noun

Verb  
Adjective  
Interjection  
Noun  
Conjunction