

Word Class Part 1

1. NOUNS

Definition: Nouns name people, places, things, or ideas.

- **Examples:** teacher, London, table, happiness

Types of Nouns:

- Common nouns (general names): dog, city, book
- Proper nouns (specific names): Rover, Paris, Harry Potter
- Abstract nouns (ideas/concepts): love, freedom, courage
- Collective nouns (groups): team, flock, family

2. VERBS

Definition: Verbs show actions, states, or occurrences.

- **Examples:** run, think, become, is, has

Types of Verbs:

- Action verbs: jump, eat, write
- Linking verbs: am, is, are, feel, seem
- Helping verbs: has, will, should, can

3. ADJECTIVES

Definition: Adjectives describe or modify nouns.

- **Examples:** happy, blue, delicious, five, that

Remember: Adjectives tell us:

- What kind? (beautiful day)
- Which one? (that book)
- How many? (three dogs)

4. ADVERBS

Definition: Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

- **Examples:** quickly, very, soon, yesterday

Adverbs often tell us:

- How? (ran quickly)
- When? (arrived yesterday)
- Where? (sat nearby)

- To what extent? (very interesting)

5. PREPOSITIONS

Definition: Prepositions show relationships between nouns/pronouns and other words.

- **Examples:** in, on, under, between, after

Prepositions often indicate:

- Position/place (under the table)
- Time (before lunch)
- Direction (toward home)
- Relationship (the book of stories)

Activity 1: Identify the Word Class

For each word below, write which word class it belongs to (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, or preposition).

1. happy _____
2. quickly _____
3. book _____
4. under _____
5. jump _____
6. beautiful _____
7. slowly _____
8. between _____
9. school _____
10. write _____

Activity 2: Word Class in Context

Read each sentence and identify the word class of the underlined word.

1. The **small** dog barked loudly. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
2. The children **played** in the park. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
3. She walked **quietly** down the hall. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition

4. We kept our books **inside** the desk. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
5. The **teacher** gave us homework. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
6. It rained **heavily** all day. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
7. Put your shoes **under** the bed. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
8. The **brave** firefighter rescued the cat. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
9. We **visit** our grandparents every Sunday. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition
10. The **mountains** are covered in snow. a) noun b) verb c) adjective d) adverb e) preposition

Activity 3: Find the Word Class

In each sentence, identify a word that matches the requested word class.

1. "The spotted dog chased the ball across the field."

Which word is an **adjective**? a) spotted b) dog c) chased d) across

2. "Yesterday, we happily ate lunch in the cafeteria."

Which word is an **adverb**? a) yesterday b) happily c) lunch d) in

3. "The old bicycle leaned against the brick wall."

Which word is a **preposition**? a) old b) bicycle c) leaned d) against

4. "My sister quickly finished her homework before dinner."

Which word is a **verb**? a) sister b) quickly c) finished d) before

5. "Several birds sang loudly from tall trees."

Which word is a **noun**? a) several b) sang c) loudly d) birds

6. "The extremely cold weather arrived suddenly last week."

Which word is an **adverb**? a) extremely b) cold c) suddenly d) last

7. "Many children played happily behind the school."

Which word is a **preposition**? a) many b) played c) happily d) behind

8. "The amazing magician performed wonderfully on stage."

Which word is an **adjective**? a) amazing b) magician c) performed d) wonderfully

9. "She carefully placed the fragile vase on the shelf."

Which word is a **verb**? a) carefully b) placed c) fragile d) shelf

10. "The friendly dog wagged its tail excitedly during the walk."

Which word is a **noun**? a) friendly b) wagged c) excitedly d) tail