

PART 1: Match the definitions to the correct part of speech by writing the letter on the line.

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| 1. _____ | Action Verb | a. A person, place, thing, or idea. |
| 2. _____ | Adjective | b. A type of adjective. There are only three in the English language. |
| 3. _____ | Adverb | c. An action word that shows a relationship with a subject and a predicate. |
| 4. _____ | Article | d. An action word that works with a main verb to help you understand what action is taking place. |
| 5. _____ | Helping Verb | e. A word that shows an action. |
| 6. _____ | Interjection | f. Describes a noun or pronoun. |
| 7. _____ | Linking Verb | g. Describes a verb, adjective, or another adverb. |
| 8. _____ | Noun | h. Expresses an emotion. |
| 9. _____ | Proper Noun | i. Takes the place of a noun; a stunt double for a noun. |
| 10. _____ | Pronoun | j. A <i>specific</i> person, place, thing, or idea. |

PART 2: Read this passage from *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli. Identify the parts of speech for the 10 underlined words. Each one of the 10 parts of speech listed above will be used only once.

My real name is John. John Coogan. But everybody calls me Crash, even my parents.

It started way back when I got my first football helmet for Christmas. I don't really remember this happening, but they say that when my uncle Hern's family came over to see our presents, as they were coming through the front door I got down into a four-point stance, growled, "Hut! Hut! Hut!" and charged ahead with my brand-new helmet. Seems I knocked my cousin Bridget clear back out the doorway and onto her butt in a foot of snow. They say she bawled bloody murder and refused to come into the house, so Uncle Hern finally had to drag his whole family away before they even had a chance to take their coats off.

Like I said, personally I don't remember the whole thing, but looking back at what I do remember about myself, I'd have to say the story is probably true. As far as I can tell, I've always been crashing—into people, into things, you name it, with or without a helmet.

Actually, I lied a minute ago. Not everybody calls me Crash. There's one person who doesn't. It's just one of a million things that have bugged me for years about this kid.

I can still remember the first time I saw him. The summer before first grade, seven years ago.

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| 1. is = _____ | 6. finally = _____ |
| 2. John = _____ | 7. family = _____ |
| 3. growled = _____ | 8. the = _____ |
| 4. Hut! = _____ | 9. can = _____ |
| 5. They = _____ | 10. first = _____ |