

# PARTS OF SPEECH

**Task 1.** Decide on the part of speech for each of the words in bold in the following short passage. Choose between the following grammatical categories or parts of speech given in the table below:

noun	pronoun	gerund	adjective	verb – past participle
verb – present participle			phrasal verb	adverb
				verb

It is exceedingly **difficult** ( ) to ascertain precisely ( ) what is meant by the **word** ( ) 'culture'. The word is commonly used to refer to **almost** ( ) anything connected with a person's **customary** ( ) behaviour when **considered** ( ) distinctive in form to **that** ( ) of a person from another **background** ( ). The problem is that this definition begs the question. Is it race that **determines** ( ) the difference in culture? Or is it nationhood? Certainly, there are noticeable cultural differences between citizens of **various** ( ) nations, although they may share **membership** ( ) of the same race. Is language perhaps the determinant of culture? Or class? After all, even within the same nation there are **extreme** ( ) differences between the lifestyle and language of the classes that **make up** ( ) a society, as well as varying attitudes towards **acceptable** ( ) behaviour and manners. The problem appears to be that, on closer ( ) analysis, each and every one of us belongs to a unique culture, regardless of the **apparent** ( ) general culture into which we are categorised. It all depends on how narrowly the word is defined for its intended purpose. By **analysing** ( ) the word 'culture', anthropologists are **beginning** ( ) to accept that the word is much overworked.

**Task 2.** Certain suffixes indicate that the word is a noun, an adjective, a verb or an adverb. Sort the suffixes below into the correct boxes according to the parts of speech they indicate:

-al	-ly	-ment	-er	-ous	-ise (-ize)	-ish	-tion
-ive	-ic	-ism	-ist	-ship	-fy	-ness	-ate

Noun Indicators	Verb Indicators
Adjective Indicators	Adverb Indicators

Can you think of three more words ending with each of the suffixes listed above?

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