

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