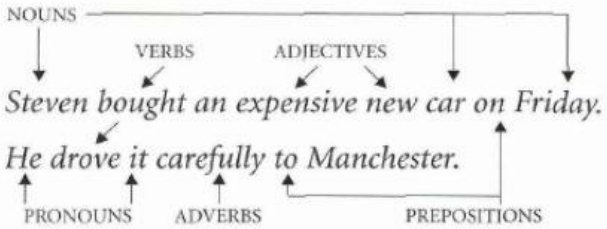
Nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.

1 Look at this:



2 Nouns describe things or people or animals:

butter **car** **woman** **dog** **problem**

Some nouns (proper nouns) are the names of people, places and things. We begin proper nouns with capital letters (A, B …):

Jane **Paris** **Oxford Street** **June**
a Rolls-Royce **the Tower of London**

3 Verbs describe actions or situations:

work **play** **live** **meet** **stay** **see**

*They **work** hard.* (**work** = verb)
*I **saw** Peter.* (**saw** = verb)

4 We use auxiliary verbs (**be, have, do, will, can, may, must,** etc.) before another verb:
*They **are working** hard.* (**are** = auxiliary)
*I **have seen** Peter.* (**have** = auxiliary)
*I **must go** now.* (**must** = auxiliary)

5 We put adjectives (e.g. **wonderful**) before nouns:
*We had a **wonderful** day.*

We can also use adjectives after the verbs **be, look, seem, feel**:
*He's **hungry**.* *She **looks tired**.*

Sometimes we put **very** before adjectives:
*It's **very hot** today.*
*He bought a **very expensive** car.*

6 We normally use adverbs to describe verbs:
*She walked **quickly**.* *He sings **well**.*

Most adverbs end in **-ly**:

clearly **slowly** **badly**

7 We use pronouns (**I, you, he, she,** etc.) to replace nouns:
*David has a new job. **He** is enjoying **it**.*

8 We use prepositions (**in, on, at,** etc.) when we are talking about places and times:

PLACE:	*She's **at home**.*
	*It's **in the box**.*
TIME:	*I'll see you **on Monday**.*
	*They went on holiday **in June**.*

Practice

A Put the underlined words in the correct columns in the box.

noun:	verb:	auxiliary:	adjective:	adverb:	pronoun:	preposition:
			wonderful			

I had a wonderful holiday in Spain last year.
She lives in a large flat in New York.
Peter walked quickly to work.
We met them in Green Street on Friday.
You must come and visit me in Scotland.
My teacher spoke slowly but I didn't understand her.
Mary and Jackie are studying Japanese at college.
I have lost my bag.
They bought a big old house in the country.
She swims fast, and she can ski well too.

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B Put words from the box in the sentences. Use each word once.

noun:	verb:	auxiliary:	adjective:	adverb:	pronoun:	preposition:
job	find	~~has~~	beautiful	badly	I	on
match	pass	must	sick	easily	you	at
Saturday		do		carefully		in

▶ Paul has ..... just started a new job .

1 You'll ..... the books ..... the table.

2 ..... bought some ..... flowers and gave them to my wife.

3 She played ..... and lost the tennis ..... .

4 ..... haven't seen your grandfather for a long time – you ..... visit him at the weekend.

5 Don't worry! You'll ..... the exam ..... .

6 Listen .....! The money is ..... the box.

7 I'm playing golf on .... you want to play with me?

8 I feel ..... . What did we eat ..... the restaurant?

C In this text, circle the letters that should be capital letters.

Josephine got a job in new york in june. She went there with her husband, mike. They are living in an apartment on madison avenue. Yesterday, they wanted to look at the sights. They saw the statue of liberty and walked through manhattan. Last monday, josephine started her new job. Josephine and mike want to live the rest of their lives in america.

D Say what is the correct place (*a* to *i*) to put the word in brackets ( ).

▶ (on) I'm [a]flying [b]to [c]Mexico [d]Sunday. d..

1 (interesting) I [a]saw [b]a [c]very [d]film [e]last [f]night. ....

2 (quickly) Go [a]or [b]you'll [c]miss [d]the [e]train! ....

3 (can) I [a]see [b]the [c]mountains [d]from [e]my [f]window. ....

4 (it) She [a]sent [b]me [c]a [d]ticket [e]but [f]I [g]left [h]at [i]home. ....

5 (go) You [a]look [b]sick. You [c]must [d]and [e]see [f]a [g]doctor. ....

6 (in) I [a]stayed [b]there [c]for [d]a [e]week [f]June. ....

7 (very) Mary [a]gave [b]Christopher [c]a [d]expensive [e]present. ....

8 (road) There's [a]snow [b]on [c]the [d]so [e]drive [f]carefully. ....

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