



Parts of Speech

There are eight parts of speech. Each has a role in sentence construction

1. Noun:

A **noun** is a person place or thing. A noun or a pronoun is often the subject and sometimes object of a sentence.

Example: *The **boy** befriended an **alien**.*

2. Pronoun:

A **pronoun** takes the place of a noun. A pronoun can be used as a possessive for the subject of the sentence.

Example: ***He** first met **him** by putting out candy to eat.*

3. Verb:

A **verb** shows action or the state of being of the subject of the sentence. The last verb in a verb phrase will often make this distinction.

Example: *The boy **thought** that he **could ride** his bike away from the government.*

4. Adjective:

An **adjective** modifies or describes a noun or a pronoun. An adjective answers questions such as: which? What kind? How many?

Example: *The alien had a **long** neck and **flat** feet.*

5. Adverb:

An **adverb** modifies a verb, adjective or another adverb. An adverb answers questions such as how? When? Where?

Example: *The alien waddled **quickly** when he encountered the boy's mother.*

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6. Preposition:

A **preposition** relates a noun or pronoun to the rest of the sentence. A **prepositional phrase** consists of a preposition and noun, pronoun, or noun phrase and functions as either an adverb or an adjective.

Example: *The alien's ship was headed **to a galaxy far, far away** (prepositional phrase acting as an adverb)*

7. Conjunction:

A **conjunction** connects words, phrases, or clauses

Example: *The alien had to leave **because** mankind was not ready for him.*

8. Interjection:

An **interjection** expresses strong emotion.

Example: ***Holy Smoke!** That alien had one red finger.*