

Word Classes

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Nouns

A noun is a word used for naming a person, an animal, a place or a thing.



flower



saucepan



apple



bird



pencil

You can usually put the word 'the' in front of a noun.

Nouns

A **proper noun** is a noun that refers to a particular person or thing.

January Michael Elstow

England Julia

Proper nouns have a capital letter.

Pronoun

Sometimes you refer to a person or thing without using its actual name. The word you use instead of the noun is called a pronoun.

I he she you it

me him her

we they us them

Verb

A verb is a **doing** or a **being** word. Verbs often tell us about actions – what someone does or is **doing**

He **went** to the shop.
Jack can **jump** very high.



hide



write



cut



sing

Adjectives

Adjectives are **describing words**. They tell you more about a **noun** or **pronoun**. They give the reader a clearer picture of what is being described.

Mr Fox had a **long, bushy** tail and **gleaming** eyes.

He wore an **old, scruffy** jacket.

She did not have **any** food left.

Adverbs

Adverbs give more detail about a word in a sentence.

Usually it tells you more about the verb. An **adverb** usually answers the questions How? When? Where? or Why?

Sarah ran home **quickly**.

Cut the paper **carefully**.

Suddenly the room went dark.

Adverbs

Adverbs give more detail about a word in a sentence.

Adverbs can be one word or a group of words.

If there is no verb in the group of words it is called an adverbial phrase.

Sarah ran home **across the field**.

Cut the paper **as carefully as possible**.

If there is a verb in the group of words it is called an adverbial clause.

They sang **as they walked along**.

Conjunction

A **conjunction** connects ideas within a sentence. It turns one short sentence into a two clause sentence.

I had to take my umbrella **because** it was raining.

I ran all the way home **until** I ran out of breath.

and since because as so unless after