

PARTS OF SPEECH

What Is a Part of Speech?

A part of speech refers to the **function** that a particular word plays in a sentence. The eight parts of speech are: **noun, verb, adjective, adverb, conjunction, interjection, preposition** and **pronoun**.

Examples:

- **Noun**-name of a person, place, thing, or idea
- **Verb**-expresses **action** or a state of being
- **Adjective**-modifies a **noun** or a pronoun
- **Adverb**-modifies a **verb**, an adjective, or another adverb
- **Conjunction**-joins words or groups of words
- **Interjection**-expresses **emotions**
- **Preposition**-relates a noun or a pronoun to another word in the sentence
- **Pronoun**-takes the **place of a noun(s)**

Try This!

1] What **part of speech** is the word *father* in the sentence: "The President fathered John F. Kennedy."

- a] noun
- b] verb
- c] adjective
- d] adverb

2] What **part of speech** is the word *into* in the sentence: "My youngest nephew jumped fearlessly *into* the pool."

- a] adverb
- b] preposition
- c] verb
- d] adjective

3] **Wow**, no wonder I am tired!
The word in bold print is an **interjection**.

- a] true
- b] false

4] Will you take **us** on your next business trip?
The word in bold print is a **noun**.

- a] true
- b] false



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