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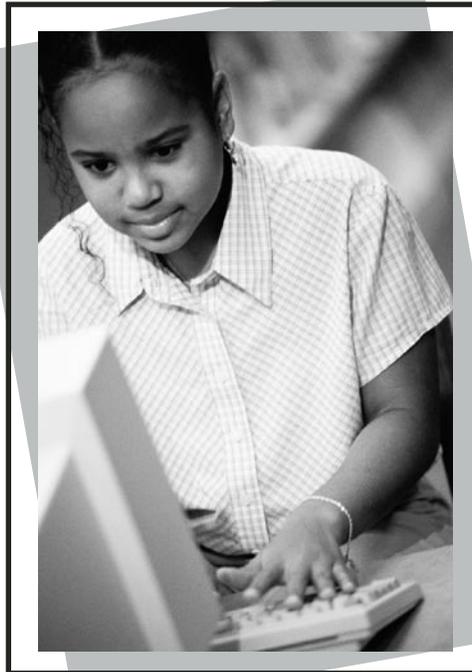
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*W1 - Lesson 3:
Parts of Speech*

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson, you should

- recognize selected parts of speech - nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adverbs
- use nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adverbs in writing

GLOSSARY

adverb - a word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

noun - a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea

part of speech - the role, or job, of a word in a sentence

pronoun - a word that takes the place of a noun

verb - a word that expresses action or a state of being

W1 - Lesson 3: Parts of Speech

The words of our language are in groups called **parts of speech**. These groups are the “jobs” that words have in sentences.

Nouns

A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

A **common noun** names *any* person, place, thing, or idea.

Examples:

person: student, teacher, friend, singer
place: mall, arcade, school, seashore
thing: television, tiger, backpack, car
idea: honesty, kindness, peace, friendship



A **proper noun** names a *specific* person, place, thing, or idea. Always capitalize proper nouns.

Examples:

person: Bill Smith, Jason, Avril Lavigne, Homer Simpson
place: Alberta, Edmonton, Jasper National Park, Harry Ainlay High School
thing: Monopoly, Peace Tower, Stanley Cup
idea: Christianity, Language Arts

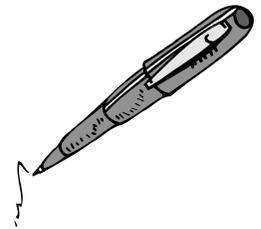
Common and proper nouns are highlighted in the following sentences:

- According to the **sign**, **Calgary** is 60 **kilometres** away.
- The road **crew** was startled by the **sight** of three large **moose** crossing **Anthony Henday Highway**.
- All the **lawns** in the **neighbourhood** were very dry and brown.
- Whenever **Jane** takes **Mutt** to **Ventura Beach**, the **dog** spends **hours** chasing the **waves**.

Recognizing Nouns

A. **Underline** the common and proper nouns in the following sentences.

1. The teacher told the student to complete the assignment always.
2. Dexter bought a new pen at the supermarket.
3. The man told the policeman that he had not seen the accident.
4. War makes many victims.
5. The money we raised will go toward Big Brothers and Big Sisters.
6. Becky went with her sisters to Lazy Lagoon on Friday.
7. My oldest brother is in Brazil until September.
8. First comes love, then comes marriage.
9. Mr. Miller works with his wife at Oakmont School.
10. Children always require great energy from their parents.



B. In each sentence a noun is missing. Write a **noun** to complete the sentence.

1. _____ carved a notch into the tree to avoid getting lost.
2. It was so nice to finally buy the _____ I always wanted.
3. We were going to _____ to see the team play a game.
4. The _____ handed the files back to the secretary.
5. _____ is celebrated December 25th.
6. Leslie works at _____ during the summer.

7. The rock group is traveling by _____ to the next city.
8. _____ is a great video game.
9. _____ is always the best policy.
10. The _____ rushed to the scene of the accident.



Nouns that tell about *one* person, place, or thing (book, computer, game, belief) are called **singular** nouns.

Nouns that tell about *more* than one person, place, thing, or idea (books, computers, games, beliefs) are called **plural** nouns.

C. In the box below **underline** all the common nouns and proper nouns, both singular and plural. (Hint – 30 in all!)

Eddie and Rosa couldn't wait to explore the haunted house on Walnut Street. They walked up the steps and knocked on the door. A large black cat glared out the window at them. A man dressed in a butler's suit answered the door.

"May I help you? My name is Dexter," he said.

"Yes," said Rosa. "We have heard about your famous mansion. Can you give us a tour?"

"Certainly," said Dexter. "But I must warn you. Percival, the cat, told me he does not like guests. He sometimes traps people in the basement. The last guests who explored the mansion disappeared without a trace."

"Maybe we'll come back another day," said Eddie. "I don't like cats that talk."

Pronouns

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns.

When we write, we sometimes substitute pronouns for nouns because repeating the noun several times is annoying. Using pronouns can help streamline our writing.

Personal Pronouns

Personal pronouns refer to people. There are seven personal pronouns:

I, you, he, she, it, we, they

The first five personal pronouns (**I, you, he, she, it**) refer to one person or thing. They are *singular* pronouns.

The last two personal pronouns (**we, they**) refer to more than one person or thing. They are *plural* pronouns.

The pronouns **I, he, she, we, and they** have the following other forms: **me, him, her, us, them**.

Another type of personal pronoun is the *possessive* pronoun. It shows that somebody owns something. Examples: **my, mine, your, yours, his, her, hers, its, our, ours, their, theirs**.

Examples:

He walked the dog at midnight.
The dog walked *him* at midnight.
My dog howled at midnight and woke *our* neighbours.
She hit *him* on *his* head with *her* purse.

D. **Underline** the personal pronouns in the following sentences.

1. I saw you at the store yesterday.
2. The teacher always gets angry at her and me.
3. He will always be my friend.
4. The rabbit hopped into its hole.
5. He ran after his friend when the bell rang.
6. They always help when help is needed.
7. The baby wanted her doll for bedtime.
8. Should we go for a ride in her car or his car?
9. We know the Edmonton Oilers are the best team!
10. I should try to walk my dog on its leash more often.



E. Choose a personal pronoun from the word bank to fill in each blank below.

Word Bank

I we you us it they

1. Sean and Mike had planned a trip to the beach. _____ were sorry to see it was beginning to rain.
2. “What do _____ do now?” asked Sean.
3. “There are lots of things _____ can still do at the seashore,” Mike said.
4. “Do _____ have any ideas?” asked Sean.
5. “My parents said there was a seashell museum, and that we would love _____,” Mike said.
6. “If _____ stops raining, we can always go to the beach.”
7. “_____ are right,” Sean said.
8. “_____ should not let a little rain stop _____ from having a good time.”
9. “_____ will pack a picnic lunch,” said Mike.
10. “Will _____ bring the snacks and dessert?”

F. Read the story below. Underline all the personal pronouns. (Hint: There are 21 in all.)

Lost in the Mall

My cousin Matt and I went to West Edmonton Mall last weekend. We wandered around, ate pizza and ice cream at the food court, and bought new clothes. After a long day, we headed out to the parking lot.

Matt shouted to me from across the lot, “I can’t remember where we parked the car.”

I walked over to him. “Maybe that security person can help us.”

“What can she do?” asked Matt.

“Maybe she could drive us around the lot until we find it,” I said.

“That’s a good idea. I don’t have any better ideas. You are a great help to me,” said Matt. “I am proud to be your cousin.”

Verbs

A verb expresses action or a state of being.

In a sentence, a verb is the main word of the predicate that tells what the subject does.

- Verbs can express either physical or mental action.

Examples:

I *jumped* in the air to make the basket. (physical action)

I *know* the answer to your question. (mental action)

- Verbs can express *being*. Being verbs are forms of the verb “to be”, such as **am, are, is, was, were, will be**.

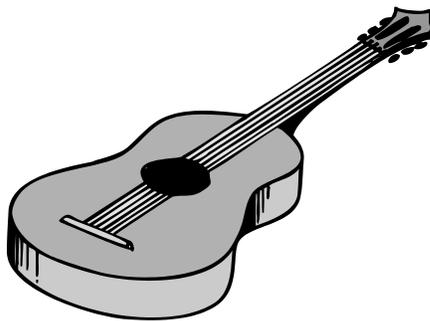
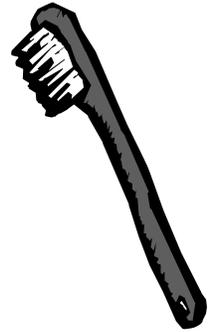
Examples:

Dogs *are* friendlier than cats.

She *will be* at the party later.

G. **Underline** the verbs in the following sentences.

1. Lucy explained the operation of the computer.
2. The team won all of its games.
3. The car reached the narrow bridge.
4. The wind destroyed the house and smashed the barn to pieces.
5. You must brush and floss your teeth regularly.
6. The dog raced to the door and barked at the stranger.
7. Paul and Mary were in the choir.
8. If we win the lottery, we will buy our dream house.
9. Jason worked at the grocery store in the summer.
10. My brother plays the guitar and is in a band.



H. Choose a verb from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below.

Word Bank

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| pay | take | ate | threw | tasted |
| drove | order | shared | feed | share |

1. After school Tanya and Jim _____ to the Super Scoop Ice Cream Parlour.
2. They _____ a Super Fudge Banana Split.
3. Tanya _____ only a bit of the whipped cream and cherries.
4. Jim _____ all of the ice cream and hot fudge.
5. Tanya _____ the banana into a brown bag.
6. "I'll _____ it to my pet gorilla," she said.
7. "I'll _____ the banana home and eat it later," said Jim.
8. "Then I'll _____ my gorilla his own Super Fudge Banana Split," said Tanya.
9. "Forget that, Tanya. I will _____ the banana with your gorilla," Jim said.
10. "I refuse to _____ for a Super Fudge Banana Split for your pet gorilla."

I. Read the story below. **Underline** all the verbs. (Hint: There are 18.)

The Test

Yesterday Ms. Crabtree gave us an impossible math test. The night before the test, I couldn't sleep. The day of the test, my stomach growled and my hands shook. The girl in front of me passed me the test paper.

Ms. Crabtree pointed to the clock. "Start now."

I had studied hard. Now it was time to show what I could do. Before long, I answered all the questions but one.

The next day the teacher handed me my paper.

"You worked hard. Your grade is a 90," she said. I jumped in the air and shouted.



Adverbs

An adverb is a word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

(Note: An *adjective* is a word that describes a noun.)

Adverbs help put energy and excitement into your writing. They add detail and help paint a word picture.

Examples:

Adverb describing a verb – The parade moved *slowly*.

Adverb describing an adjective – Your tie is *very* colourful.

Adverb describing another adverb – You wrote this *too* quickly.

- An adverb usually tells **how**, **when**, **where**, or **how often**. If you are not sure if a word is an adverb, find the verb and ask the questions *how*, *when*, *where*, or *how often*. The word in the sentence that answers your question is probably an *adverb*.
- Another hint: many adverbs end in *-ly*. (example: quickly)

J. In each sentence, **underline** the adverb. Then, in the brackets, write the word that the adverb describes.

Example: We worked hard and had fun. (**worked**)

1. Adam throws the ball forcefully to first base.
2. A noisy ghost lives here.
3. Missy gathered the children closely.

4. It was a very rainy holiday.
5. Sarah will go to the mall later.
6. When Bert and Ernie arrived there, they sat in the first row.
7. The room seemed to spin wildly.
8. Soon, the movie began.
9. The sisters finally began cleaning their room.
10. He leaped over the ditch gracefully.

K. Write two adverbs that could describe each verb.

Example: drive – fast, superbly

1. laugh - _____
2. read - _____
3. talk - _____
4. walk - _____
5. speak - _____
6. dance - _____
7. eat - _____
8. sing - _____
9. sit - _____
10. write - _____

Extending Yourself

Find a short article from a newspaper or a favourite magazine or book. Cut out or copy the passage that interests you and that you think will interest your classmates.

Read the passage carefully and use colours to **highlight** examples of

- nouns (red)
- pronouns (blue)
- verbs (yellow)
- adverbs (green)

Be prepared to share the passage and some of your examples with your teacher and classmates.

OR

Write your own paragraph or short story on a topic of your choice. Use the colour technique above on your own work to **highlight** the nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adverbs you have used.

Be prepared to share your writing with classmates.

