

# ENGLISH

**Grammar:** Parts of Speech



## Parts of Speech

### What are Parts of Speech?

In English, words are categorised into different groups called parts of speech. There are eight parts of speech.

#### Noun

A noun is a word that names a

**Person:** mother, son, Rahul, Sunita

**Place:** city, village, Satara, Venice

**Thing:** stamp, bottle, bag, tank

**Idea:** love, happiness, sorrow, cheer

#### Pronoun

A pronoun is a word used instead of a noun.

**Personal pronouns:** I, we, you, he, she, it, they

**Pronouns of quantity:** nine, many, few

**Reflexive:** myself, himself, themselves

**Relative:** who, which, whom, that, whose

#### Adjective

An adjective is a word that describes nouns and pronouns.

Which one: **this** book, **that** girl

What kind: **good** food, **bad** weather

How many: **four** bottles, **less** water, **fewer** places

## Verb

A verb shows the action performed by the subject in a sentence.

Rohit **laughed** at the poor man.

Nishita **sleeps** at 10 pm.

I **think** this is a good idea.

Virat **threw** the ball at Gaurav.

You must **catch** the ball within 10 seconds.

## Adverb

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

He was defeated **easily**.

Mother would have **gladly** cooked for us.

You will regret **later**.

Joe **recently** moved to Boston.

Sheetal went **abroad** for her studies.

I am **quite** famished.

Vipul **seldom** stays outdoors until late.

## Preposition

A preposition is a word which expresses a class of words in relation to space and time.

**Indicating time:** Meet me **at** 5 pm **in** the park.

**Indicating place:** We were all seated **around** the table.

**Indicating movement:** Pamela dived **into** the pool.

## Conjunction

A conjunction is a word or a group of words which can join words, phrases and clauses.

**Coordinating conjunctions:** FANBOYS –for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so  
I went to the market **and** bought vegetables.

**Subordinating:** when, while, because, since, whereas, etc  
Kiran will stay at home **since** she is feeling unwell.

I was reading a book **when** the door bell rang.

## Interjection

An interjection is a word used to express strong emotions and is followed by the exclamation (!) mark

**Ouch!** You stepped on my foot. (Pain)

**Alas!** The thief was killed by the mob. (Sadness)

**Yay!** We won the final match. (Triumph)

**Arrgh!** The neighbour again scattered garbage here.