| **Part of Speech** | **Basic Function** | **Examples** |
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| [**Noun**](https://www.thoughtco.com/noun-in-grammar-1691442) | names a person, place, or thing | *pirate, Caribbean, ship, freedom, Captain Jack Sparrow* |
| [**Pronoun**](https://www.thoughtco.com/pronoun-definition-1691685) | takes the place of a noun | *I, you, he, she, it, ours, them, who, which, anybody, ourselves* |
| [**Verb**](https://www.thoughtco.com/verb-definition-1692592) | identifies an action or state of being | *sing, dance, believe, seem, finish, eat, drink, be, become* |
| [**Adjective**](https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-adjective-clause-1689064) | modifies a noun | *hot, lazy, funny, unique, bright, beautiful, healthy, wealthy, wise* |
| [**Adverb**](https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-adverb-1689070) | modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb | *softly, lazily, often, only, hopefully, softly, sometimes* |
| [**Preposition**](https://www.thoughtco.com/preposition-english-grammar-1691665) | shows a relationship between a noun (or pronoun) and other words in a sentence | *up, over, against, by, for, into, close to, out of, apart from* |
| [**Conjunction**](https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-conjunction-grammar-1689911) | joins words, phrases, and clauses | *and, but, or, yet* |
| [**Interjection**](https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-an-interjection-1691178) | expresses emotion and can usually stand alone | *ah, whoops, ouch, Yabba dabba do!* |