Every single word belongs to one of eight word groups or **parts of speech**.

Wow! Did you hear that? Just think about that fact for a minute.

We use thousands of words, and they can all be separated into just eight groups! Isn't that the coolest thing ever?

For your learning pleasure, here are all eight parts of speech.
You'll find a brief definition, a few examples, and a sentence diagram for each one.

I can feel you getting smarter already. Enjoy!

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1. **Nouns** name people, places, things, or ideas.
   - Examples: book, matches, sunlight, Maria, baby, shell
     - I saw the **movie** in the **theater**.
     - The **fish** swam through the **water** in the **pond**.

2. **Pronouns** take the place of one or more nouns.
   - Examples: I, you, me, they, who, which, yourself
     - Would **you** like to go with **me** to the beach?
     - Betty, stop looking at **yourself** in the mirror.

* Nouns and pronouns can perform many jobs in sentences.

They can act as subjects, direct objects, indirect objects, objects of the preposition, predicate nouns, and more!

**Diagramming Nouns & Pronouns:**

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subject (noun) | linking verb \ predicate noun
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subject (noun) | action verb | direct object (noun)
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preposition \ indirect object (noun)
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object of the preposition (noun)
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3. **Verbs** show actions or states of being.
   - Examples: eat, find, run, walk, become, feel, seem, are
     - The baker **cut** the bread. (action verb)
     - The bread **is** good. (linking verb)

**Diagramming Verbs:**

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subject | action verb
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subject | action verb | direct object
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subject | linking verb | predicate noun
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subject | linking verb | predicate adjective
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4. **Adjectives** describe nouns and pronouns.
   * They tell us **Which one? What kind? How many? Whose?**
     - Examples: the, orange, special, many, colorful, Charlie’s
       - I would like **the fresh** muffin.
       - **The blue** coat is hanging in **the front** closet.

**Diagramming Adjectives:**

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subject | verb
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subject | adjective
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subject | adjective | adjective
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5. **Adverbs** describe or modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

* They tell us **How? When? Where? Why? To what extent?**

- Examples: awkwardly, girlishly, lazily, silently, stylishly, well, yesterday, very, so

  - My friend dresses **so stylishly**.
  - **Yesterday**, we went shopping **everywhere**!

**Diagramming Adverbs:**

6. **Prepositions** show the relationship between a noun or a pronoun and some other word or element in the rest of the sentence.

* They are always in prepositional phrases (a **preposition** + a **noun** or pronoun). Prepositional phrases act as adjectives or adverbs.

- Examples: above, behind, below, from, inside, up, over

  - Will you please go on a walk **with me**?
  - The monkey **with stripes** is cute.

**Diagramming Prepositions:**
7. **Conjunctions** join two or more words, phrases, or clauses.

* Coordinating conjunctions join things that are equal. (Examples: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)

* Subordinating conjunctions join independent clauses with dependent clauses. (Examples: after, although, because, if, when, whenever...)

  - Can we go to the zoo **and** the fair? (coordinating)
  - **Although** that would be nice, we can only go to the zoo. (subordinating)

**Diagramming Coordinating & Subordinating Conjunctions:**

8. **Interjections** show emotion. They are not grammatically related to the rest of the sentence.

  - Examples: rats, gee, darn, aww, gosh, yes, fiddlesticks

  - **Oh no,** we lost the game.
  - **Holy cow!** This cake is delicious!

**Diagramming Interjections:**

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interjection

subject | verb
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Test Yourself

Can you identify each part of speech in the following sentences? Can you diagram them?

1. Flowers grow.
2. Sydney has been playing.
3. Walter ran very quickly.
4. The green box fell.
5. The flowers in the garden are growing.

Answers:

1. [Link to diagramming sentences exercises]
2. [Link to diagramming sentences exercises]
3. [Link to modifiers page]
4. [Link to modifiers page]
5. [Link to prepositional phrase page]

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