

Parts of Speech

- There are 8 components in Parts of Speech.
- 1. Nouns -
 - a. Common nouns
 - b. Proper nouns
 - c. Abstract nouns
 - d. Collective nouns
- Countable & Uncountable nouns.
- Countable nouns - nouns which can be counted and has sg/pl form.
 - E.g. book/books, goose/geese.
- Uncountable nouns - nouns which cannot be counted and does not have a pl. form.
 - E.g. milk, flour, rice, water.

- 2. Verbs
- a. Dynamic verbs - denote action e.g. to run, to jump, to write.
- b. Static verbs - denote state or being rather than action e.g. believe, know, seem, have.

- 3. Pronouns.
- Subject pronoun - I, you, he, she, it, we, they.
- Object pronoun - me, you, him, her, it, us, them.
- Possessive pronoun - mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs.
- Possessive adjective - my, your, his, her, our, their.
- Reflexive pronoun - myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, themselves.

- 4. Adjectives.
- Words which describe a noun
e.g. It is a **private** company.
E.g. The company is **private**.
- 5. Adverbs.
- Words which describe a verb, an adjective, an adverb or a phrase.
 - E.g. The trade union **readily** agreed to a reduction in working hours.
 - E.g. Mass production lines **sometimes** produce a bored workforce.

- 6. Prepositions

- Used to join together groups of words or phrases to give precise meaning.
- E.g. in, at, on, above, below, etc.

- Phrasal verbs.

- A phrasal verb is a verb plus a preposition or adverb which creates a meaning different from the original verb.
- E.g. distinguish between, depend on, relate to, bring up, bring down.

- 7. Conjunctions
- Used to link sentences - and, but, yet, or, either ... or, neither ... nor, both ... and.
- 8. Interjection.
- Short exclamation - e.g. Wow!, Oh!, Aha!



- Identify parts of speech in the following paragraph.
- In June 1999 more than 100 people in Spain and in Italy complained of headaches, dizziness and stomach upsets after drinking canned soft drinks manufactured by Sola-Soda. Subsequently, the authorities in Spain and Italy ordered products to be withdrawn as a precaution.