

PARTS OF SPEECH

OVERVIEW: WHAT ARE PARTS OF SPEECH?

Parts of speech are the 8 categories every word in a sentence falls into, based on the job it does.

Every word below plays one of the 8 roles shown in the panels:

Wow! **She** **quickly** **placed** the **red** **ball** **under** the **table**,
but it **rolled** **away**.

NOUN

A person, place, thing, or idea.

Example:

She threw the **ball** to **Max**.

PRONOUN

A word that replaces a noun.

Example:

She gave **it** to **him**.

VERB

Shows an action or state of being.

Example:

The dog **runs** and **barks**.

ADJECTIVE

Describes or modifies a noun.

Example:

The **tall**, **friendly** giraffe ate.

ADVERB

Describes a verb, adjective, or another adverb (often ends in -ly).

Example:

She sang **beautifully** and left **quickly**.

PREPOSITION

Shows location, time, or direction relative to another word.

Example:

The cat sat **under** the table.

CONJUNCTION

Connects words, phrases, or clauses.

Example:

I wanted tea **but** made coffee.

INTERJECTION

A word or phrase that expresses strong emotion.

Example:

Wow! That was amazing!