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Parts of Speech

a) Draw a line to match each part of speech with its definition.

noun	a word that expresses action or a state of being
pronoun	a word that describes a verb
verb	a word used to express emotion
adjective	a person, place, thing, or idea
adverb	a word that joins words, phrases, or clauses
preposition	a word that describes a noun or a pronoun
conjunction	a word used in place of a noun
interjection	a word that expresses the relationship between a noun and another word

b) Choose the correct part of speech for the underlined word in each sentence below.

1. Jenny <u>ran</u> towards the apple tree. a. noun b. verb c. adjective	2. " <u>Wow!</u> " she shouted after riding the roller coaster. a. conjunction b. noun c. interjection
3. When Carl got to <u>school</u> , it started to rain. a. conjunction b. adverb c. noun	4. After dinner, I'm going to eat <u>chocolate</u> ice cream. a. adverb b. adjective c. preposition
5. I dropped my favorite book <u>under</u> the chair. a. preposition b. verb c. interjection	6. Cora likes ketchup, <u>but</u> she doesn't like mustard. a. interjection b. conjunction c. pronoun
7. Owen <u>gently</u> picked up his pet snake. a. verb b. pronoun c. adverb	8. <u>We</u> all love to play basketball during recess. a. pronoun b. noun c. preposition

PARTS OF SPEECH OVERVIEW

Determining Parts of Speech

The way a word is used in a sentence determines what part of speech it is.

VERB We **walk** in the woods.

ADVERB A small, furry animal ran **by**.

NOUN We will take a **walk** in the woods.

PREPOSITION They will arrive **by** noon.

EXERCISE A Decide what part of speech each underlined word in the following sentences is. Above the word, write *V* for verb, *ADV* for adverb, *PREP* for preposition, *CON* for conjunction, or *I* for interjection.

Example 1. Tigers ^{ADV} rarely attack humans.

1. The huge elephant sensed danger.
2. "She must be hungry," thought the elephant's handler.
3. He climbed down and fed her some leaves.
4. Then he scrambled back to his perch.
5. Suddenly a tiger sprang from the bushes.
6. The tiger's claw then scraped the handler's leg.
7. Man and tiger tumbled to the jungle floor.
8. The elephant lifted the handler with her trunk.
9. The handler was badly hurt but recovered from his wounds.
10. Alas! He refused to enter the jungle again.

EXERCISE B For each sentence, underline the word that is the part of speech named in parentheses.

Example 1. The birds flew up into the sky. (*adverb*)

11. My grandparents planned a trip to Alaska. (*verb*)
12. We played well, but we lost the game. (*adverb*)
13. Barbara lives with her parents. (*preposition*)
14. The hikers took off their packs and sat under the tree. (*conjunction*)
15. Did you climb aboard the bus? (*preposition*)
16. Jamal arrived early for dress rehearsal. (*verb*)
17. Those clouds look awfully dark to me. (*adverb*)
18. Did Teresa or Joseph make this birdhouse? (*conjunction*)
19. Well, wish us luck in the game! (*interjection*)
20. The puppy lay down on the examination table. (*preposition*)

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST PARTS OF SPEECH

For each underlined word in the following sentences, identify and then write the part of speech on the line next to the number. Each part of speech is used at least once. Each correct answer earns 5 points. Use the following abbreviations:

noun—N	adverb—ADV
pronoun—PRO	preposition—PREP
verb—V	conjunction—CONJ
adjective—ADJ	interjection—INT

- _____ They attended the concert last weekend.
- _____ Several cats ran into Rob's garage.
- _____ The truck driver delivered the packages quickly.
- _____ Fast runners won all the awards at the track meet.
- _____ My friends and I walked home after school.
- _____ I wanted a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch yesterday.
- _____ She was counting the ballots during social studies class.
- _____ Hey! That is my seat.
- _____ Will they finish the test on time?
- _____ The diagram was pretty complicated for us.
- _____ He will practice his musical piece soon.
- _____ Reggie saw the awesome sight from the air.
- _____ Her sister is the oldest member of the group.
- _____ Check the score, Tom.
- _____ Will the students be able to find the answer by themselves?
- _____ Are you sure of yourself?
- _____ They slowly carried the couch down the stairs.
- _____ Can you see beyond the hills from the top of the tower?
- _____ Hurray! Our team has finally scored a touchdown.
- _____ The troop had been scattered throughout the woods.