

PARTS OF SPEECH: THE BASICS

A1 | Different words do different jobs. Look at the underlined words.

Word type	Simple meaning	Example
Noun	A name for a person, place or thing.	The <u>teacher</u> has a <u>book</u> .
Pronoun	A word like I, you, he or she.	Anna is my friend. <u>She</u> is kind.
Verb	Tells us what we do, or how we are.	I <u>eat</u> rice. I <u>am</u> happy.
Adjective	Tells us more about a person or thing.	I have a <u>small</u> bag. It is <u>red</u> .
Adverb	Often tells us how, when or how often.	Please speak <u>slowly</u> . I <u>often</u> walk.
Determiner	A word before a noun, like a, the or my.	This is <u>my</u> bag. I need <u>a</u> pen.
Preposition	Often tells us where or when.	It is <u>on</u> the table. We meet <u>at</u> six.
Conjunction	Joins words or parts of a sentence.	I like tea <u>and</u> coffee.
Interjection	A short word to show a feeling.	<u>Wow!</u> That is a big cake!

Start with nouns, verbs and adjectives. Learn the other names a little at a time.