

Diagnostic Test Pre-test  
Parts of Speech

Number your paper from 1-20. Write down each italicized word in the following paragraph and identify it as a noun, a pronoun, or an adjective.

In (1) *this* country (2) *mangroves* grow along the coasts of (3) *Florida*. (4) *They* form a (5) *wonderland* where land, water and (6) *sky* blend. (7) *The* lush, green (8) *mangrove* islands and (9) *shoreline* are both beautiful and valuable. Mangroves are (10) *important* to (11) *our* (12) *environment*. They produce (13) *tons* of valuable (14) *vegetable* matter and are an essential part of (15) *tropical* biology. So far as (16) *we* know, the (17) *first* reference to mangroves was in (18) *Egyptian* times. A (19) *South African* expert has also discovered evidence of mangrove islands along the (20) *Red Sea*.

Number your paper from 1-20. Write down each italicized word in the following paragraphs and identify it as a verb, an adverb, a preposition, a conjunction or an interjection.

Have you ever (1) *hiked* into the wilderness (2) *with* a pack on your back and (3) *camped* under the stars? Backpacking (4) *was* once popular mainly with hardy mountaineers, (5) *but* now almost anyone who loves the outdoors (6) *can become* a packpacker.

First, however you (7) *must be able* to carry a heavy pack long distances (8) *over* mountain trails. To get in shape, start with short walks and (9) *gradually* increase them to several miles. Doing leg exercises (10) *and* going on organized hikes can (11) *further* help build your strength. (12) *After* a few hikes, you (13) *should be* ready.

(14) *Oh*, you (15) *may be thinking*, what equipment and food should I take? Write (16) *to* the International Backpackers Association (17) *for* a checklist. The first item on the list will (18) *usually* be shoes with rubber (19) *or* synthetic soles. The second will (20) *certainly* be a sturdy backpack.