

Parts of Speech Review

Identify the part of speech of each underlined word in the paragraphs that follow. Write the part of speech on the numbered line. Use the following abbreviations:

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| noun (N) | adjective (ADJ) | pronoun (P)        | conjunction (C)   |
| verb (V) | adverb (ADV)    | preposition (PREP) | interjection (IN) |

Demeter and Persephone

The story of Demeter and Persephone was first<sub>1</sub> told<sub>2</sub> by Homer in<sub>3</sub> a Greek poem dating back to the seventh<sub>4</sub> century<sub>4</sub>. It tells the tragic tale of Demeter, the goddess of the harvest<sub>5</sub>, and her daughter<sub>6</sub>, Persephone.

One day Persephone was on Earth picking flowers. Suddenly the ground opened up and she was taken hostage by Hades, the lord of the underworld.

Demeter could not get over<sub>7</sub> her grief. The year was dreadful<sub>8</sub> for mankind<sub>9</sub> all over the Earth because<sub>10</sub> Demeter allowed<sub>11</sub> nothing to grow. When it became apparent<sub>12</sub> that all mankind would die<sub>13</sub> of famine, Zeus, the king of the gods, decided<sub>14</sub> to intervene.

Zeus sent his<sub>15</sub> messenger Hermes down to the kingdom of the dead to secure the release<sub>16</sub> of Persephone. Hades reluctantly<sub>17</sub> agreed to release her<sub>18</sub> only if she would return to him for four months every year. This length of time was decided upon because she had eaten four pomegranate<sub>19</sub> seeds while in captivity, and this act bound her to Hades for eternity.

Demeter was overjoyed to see her daughter. The Earth became fertile again. But every year when Persephone returned to her husband Hades, Demeter turned the earth cold and barren once more.

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| 2. _____               | 7. _____  | 12. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 3. _____               | 8. _____  | 13. _____ | 18. _____ |
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