

The Parts of Speech

So far, you have studied seven different groups of words called **parts of speech**. The eighth part of speech is the **interjection**.

An interjection is a word or short group of words used to express strong feeling.

An interjection is often followed by an exclamation point (!).

Wow! The time went fast. *Oops!* I'm sorry. *Hooray!* We won!

Here are the eight parts of speech:

nouns	verbs	adverbs	conjunctions
pronouns	adjectives	prepositions	interjections

A word fits into one of these groups because of the way it is used in a sentence.

Identify the parts of speech. In the blank after each sentence, write the part of speech of the italicized word.

1. *No!* Don't touch the wire. _____
2. Matt *peeled* a tangerine. _____
3. The twins often have the same *nightmares*. _____
4. Ms. Tiggs *always* buys fresh vegetables. _____
5. *Satchel Paige* was an incredible pitcher. _____
6. Noise is a kind of *pollution*. _____
7. *American* appliances are well made. _____
8. Angie *planned* her speech carefully. _____
9. Mike slammed the hood *down* angrily. _____
10. Violets *and* buttercups grow wild. _____
11. Earthworms come out *after* the rain. _____
12. He has lost *ten* pounds. _____
13. *Nobody* noticed the sign. _____
14. *He* still waves at trains. _____
15. *Is* hail ice? _____
16. How many musicians are *in* that rock group? _____
17. *Aha!* I thought I'd find you here! _____
18. Autumn weather can change very *suddenly*. _____
19. The line at the box office seems even *longer* now. _____
20. During intermission we bought popcorn *and* ice cream. _____

Words Used as Different Parts of Speech

You cannot tell which part of speech a word is until you see it used in a sentence. A single word may be used in different ways, acting as several different parts of speech. Look at these examples:

- A *parade* marked the beginning of the festival. (noun)
- Do you know the *parade* route? (adjective)
- The Olympic winners *parade* around the stadium. (verb)

- Jerry and Phil built a warm *fire* after they had set up their tent. (noun)
- They *fire* employees often at that company. (verb)
- The *fire* department arrived soon after I called them. (adjective)

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1. The Smiths *hose* their car down weekly. _____
2. The *hose* is on a hook by the faucet. _____
3. *That* is a fielder's mitt. _____
4. *That* exit is closed. _____
5. *Nerve* gas is outlawed. _____
6. The dentist hit a *nerve* and apologized. _____
7. Water *ruins* velvet. _____
8. Looters searched the *ruins* of the store. _____
9. Nick fell *behind* on the hike. _____
10. The spy was captured *behind* enemy lines. _____
11. Tanya can sing the high notes as well as the *low* notes. _____
12. Anna wore the floppy hat *low* over her eyes. _____
13. *That* is my coat. _____
14. We should walk toward *that* tower. _____
15. Do you know the *speed* limit on the expressway? _____
16. The *speed* of light is 186,282 miles per second. _____
17. *Which* TV stations caption programs for the deaf? _____
18. *Which* of these activities do you enjoy most? _____
19. We took our car to the *service* station for an oil change. _____
20. Tips are rewards for good *service*. _____