

Parts of Speech

The jobs words do in sentences

PART	MAIN JOB	EXAMPLES
Nouns	Name a person, place, thing, or idea	lady, road, tree, love, dream, pencil, Bob
Pronouns	Take the place of a noun	he, she, it, you, we
Verbs	Express action or a state of being	ran, flew, trips, was, is, showed, jumps
Adjectives	Describe a noun	new, shiny, fat, thorough, funny
Adverbs	Describe or modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb	quickly, repeatedly, precisely (often end in -ly)
Prepositions	Establish a relationship between the noun and the rest of the sentence	over, around, through, during, according to, above, beside
Conjunctions	Connect words, phrases, and clauses	and, but, or, nor, however, moreover
Interjections	Express surprise or other emotions	Ouch! Eek! Ow! Yikes! Hooray! (often have an exclamation point)
Articles	Help define nouns	the, an, a