

## 2: PARTS OF SPEECH

**Parts of Speech** are like the names of the **alphabet letters** which are used to spell words. There are only eight **Parts of Speech** and each one is usually found in a single word with the exception of verbs which may have several words often because they include expressions of time. The additional words are **helper VERBS** or **auxiliary VERBS**.

**Parts of the Sentence** are how the **Parts of Speech** function. This is like the sounds of the **alphabet letters** that function alone or with other letters to represent spoken sounds that are usually much different than their names. Each **Part of the Sentence** may contain one or more **Parts of Speech** words. Once the basic **Parts of the Sentence** are mastered in English, this skill becomes very valuable when learning a second language like French.

Here are the eight **Parts of Speech** with a brief definition for each. Remember that the **Parts of Speech** are like the names of the **alphabet letters**.

- 1) **NOUN** - a person, place, thing or idea and answers the questions **WHO?** or **WHAT?**
- 2) **PRONOUN** - a replacement for a **NOUN**
- 3) **VERB** - sometimes it is an **ACTION word** and sometimes it is a **NON-ACTION word**
- 4) **ADJECTIVE** - describes a Noun and answers **WHICH person? WHICH place? WHICH thing? or WHICH idea?**
- 5) **ADVERB** - describes a Verb or an Adjective and answers **HOW? WHEN? WHERE? WHY?** and often ends in 'ly'
- 6) **PREPOSITION** - most often the first word of a small group of words called a **Phrase** but also a word that follows many **Verbs**
- 7) **CONJUNCTION** - a word that **JOINS** Words, Phrases, Clauses and Sentences
- 8) **INTERJECTION** - a word or group of words that expresses **EMOTION** and usually has an exclamation mark (!) after it

The first sample sentence has an **ACTION VERB** and every word is labelled with a **Part of Speech**. The questions below each word help to determine the **Part of Speech**.

<b>Mary</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>gave</b>	<b>Mom</b>	<b>nice</b>	<b>gifts</b>	<b>at</b>	<b>home.</b>
Who?	Joins?	Who?	Action word?	Who?	Which gifts?	Gave what?	Start of a phrase?	What?
<b>Noun</b>	<b>Conjunction</b>	<b>Pronoun</b>	<b>Action Verb</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b>Preposition</b>	<b>Noun</b>

The second sample sentence has a **NON-ACTION VERB** and every word is labelled with a **PART OF SPEECH**. The questions below each word help to determine the **Part of Speech**.

<b>Wow!</b>	<b>Mom</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>very</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>hugged</b>	<b>us</b>	<b>tightly.</b>
Emotion?	Who?	Non-action word?	How happy?	Which Mom?	Joins?	Action word?	Who?	How hugged?
<b>Interjection</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b>Non-Action Verb</b>	<b>Adverb</b>	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Conjunction</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Pronoun</b>	<b>Adverb</b>

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