

3: PARTS OF THE SENTENCE

The sample sentences above in Part 3 will now be labelled with each **Part of the Sentence** but first each part needs to be explained. It may seem a bit confusing but some of the words for the **Parts of Speech** are also the same words for the **Parts of the Sentence**. Eventually it will be noticed that only the **Parts of the Sentence** will be needed for any sentence analysis in the same manner that only the sounds of the alphabet letters are needed for ordinary conversation and not the names of the alphabet letters which are necessary for spelling.

- 1) **SUBJECT** - answers the question **WHAT?** or **WHOM?** the sentence is about and may be a **Word**, a **Phrase** or a **Clause**
- 2) **VERB**
 - a) **ACTION VERB** - may be followed by a **Direct Object** but never a **Subjective Completion (Subject Complement)**
 - b) **NON-ACTION VERB** (sometimes called a **LINKING WORD** or **COPULA VERB**) - followed by a **Subjective Completion (Subject Complement)** usually in the form a **Noun** or an **Adjective** but never a **Direct Object**
- 3) **ADJECTIVE** – a word that describes a **Noun** and answers **WHICH person?**, **WHICH place?**, **WHICH thing?** or **WHICH idea?**. Groups of words that form **Phrases** or **Subordinate Clauses** are treated the same as **one-word Adjectives**.
- 4) **ADVERB** – a word that describes a **Verb** and answers **HOW?**, **WHEN?**, **WHERE?** or **WHY?**. Groups of words that form **Phrases** or **Subordinate Clauses** are treated the same as **one-word Adverbs**.
- 5) **OBJECT**
 - a) **OBJECT** – most commonly the object of a **Preposition in a Phrase**
 - b) **DIRECT OBJECT** - answers **WHAT?** after an **Action Verb**
 - c) **INDIRECT OBJECT** - answers **TO WHOM?** after an **Action Verb**. The Indirect Object is really the shortening of a **Phrase** that starts with the Preposition ‘to’
- 6) **SUBJECTIVE COMPLETION** - answers **WHAT?** or **WHICH?** after a **Non-Action Verb** and is a Noun meaning the same thing as the **Subject** or an Adjective that describes the **Subject**
- 7) **CONJUNCTION** - a **Coordinate Conjunction** joins two equal parts of a sentence and a **Subordinate Conjunction** joins unequal parts of a sentence
- 8) **INTERJECTION** - expresses **Emotion** and is not grammatically connected to a sentence

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

Mary	and	I	gave	Mom	nice	gifts	at home.
Who?	Joins?	Who?	Action word?	Gave to whom?	Which gifts?	Gave what?	Where?
Subject	Conjunction	Subject	Action Verb	Indirect Object	Adjective	Object	Adverb phrase

The second sample sentence has a **NON-ACTION VERB** and each part is labelled with a **Part of the Sentence**. The questions below each word help to determine the **Part of the Sentence**.

Wow!	Mom	was	very	happy	and	hugged	us	tightly.
Emotion?	Who?	Non-action word?	How happy?	Which Mom?	Joins?	Action word?	Hugged whom?	Hugged how?
Interjection	Subject	Non-Action Verb	Adverb	Subjective Completion (Adjective value)	Conjunction	Action Verb	Direct Object	Adverb