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| **Verb** | A word denoting action, occurrence, or existence  
*The President *met with foreign diplomats on Tuesdays.  
*I will be presenting *my research at the conference. |
| **Noun** | A word that names a person, place, thing, idea, animal, quality, or action.  
*Edwin, my *brother, is a professional *musician.  
*Students who study hard usually do well in *Biology 101. |
| **Pronoun** | A word that takes the position of a noun and functions as nouns do.  
*He *attended a luncheon in *his honor on Wednesday.  
*Who *went to lunch with *you? |
| **Adverb** | A word that modifies verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.  
*Susan *reluctantly agreed to serve on my committee.  
*This *beautifully illustrated manuscript is worth *nearly $1 million. |
| **Adjective** | A word that modifies, qualifies, or describes nouns and pronouns.  
*A *big brown dog jumped at me from behind the *blue car.  
*The painting is truly *spectacular. |
| **Article** | A type of adjective that is used before a noun: “The” (definite) and “A/An” (indefinite)  
*The *bees that were on *the flowers stung Kay.  
*A man gave us *directions to *the airport. (used with a consonant sound)  
*An *article in *the paper caught my attention. (used with a vowel sound) |
| **Preposition** | A word that establishes a relationship between its object and something else.  
*Jack sat *beside *Jill *on the bus.  
*To get *to Grandma’s house, we have to go *over the river and *through the woods. |
| **Conjunction** | A word that functions as a connector between words, phrases, and clauses.  
*I work part-time *although *I don’t need money.  
*Alice needed to go to the dentist, *so *I drove her there. |
| **Interjection** | An exclamation expressing emotion.  
*Wow! Look at all the snow.  
*Ouch! That hurt. |
Strategies for Identifying Parts of Speech

**Verb:** The word is probably a verb if:
- You can use *will, shall, can, could, may, might, must, should,* or *would* in front of the word.

**Noun:** The word is probably a noun if:
- You can make if plural or singular
- You can make it possessive
- You can place the words *a, an,* or *the* in front of it
- It can follow a prepositional phrase

**Pronoun:** The word is probably a pronoun if:
- You can substitute the word for a noun

**Adjective:** The word is probably an adjective if:
- You can add *er* or *est* to the word
- You can use *more or most* in front of it
- You can use the words *very or quite* in front of it

**Adverb:** The word is probably an adverb if:
- There is an *ly* suffix
- The word or phrase can be logically moved to another place in the sentence

**Preposition:** The word is probably a preposition if:
- It is followed by a noun object

**Conjunction:** The word is probably a conjunction if:
- The word serves as a connector between words, phrases, or clauses