

## Quick Guide: Parts of Speech

In the English language, there are eight parts of speech. Understanding them will help you improve your writing skills. Every word you write is a part of speech—a noun, a verb, an adjective, and so on. The chart below lists the eight parts of speech.

### Noun

A word that names a person, a place, a thing, or an idea

Alex Moya Belize ladder courage

### Pronoun

A word used in place of a noun

I he it they you anybody some

### Verb

A word that shows action or links a subject to another word in the sentence

sing shake catch is are

### Adjective

A word that describes a noun or a pronoun

stormy red rough seven grand

### Adverb

A word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

quickly today now bravely softer

### Preposition

A word that shows position or direction and introduces a prepositional phrase

around up under over between to

### Conjunction

A word that connects other words or groups of words

and but or so because when

### Interjection

A word (set off by commas or an exclamation point) that shows strong emotion

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