

Parts of Speech

The dictionary tells you the part of speech for every word. This helps you understand the word and use it correctly.

Noun (n): a person, place, thing, quality, or idea

Examples: I hurt my **finger**.
She found **happiness** with **Max**.

Verb (v): a word (words) that shows an action, experience, or state

Examples: He **ran** all the way home.
He **likes** ice cream. He **is eating** an ice-cream cone.

Pronoun (pron): a word that is used instead of a noun or noun phrase

Examples: I will call **him** later.
They sold **us** a car **that** didn't go.

Adjective (adj): a word that describes a noun

Examples: The grass is very **green**.
Young people often listen to **loud** music.

Adverb (adv): a word that tells you more about a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

Examples: I want to see that movie **again**.
The boy was **very** unhappy. He began to cry **loudly**.

Preposition (prep): a word that is put in front of a noun to show where, when, or how

Examples: He came **to** the party **with** his girlfriend.
My parents live **near** an airport.

Conjunction (conj): a word that connects sentences or parts of sentences (phrases)

Examples: He got up **and** had breakfast.
I was hungry, **so** I ate some crackers.