

## The parts of speech: Lexical categories:

### Nouns

**Meaning:** a word that typically names \_\_\_\_\_, including individuals and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Inflection:** can usually be inflected for \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Distribution:** can typically occur with a \_\_\_\_\_ before it in English

for example: \_\_\_\_\_

### Verbs

**Meaning:** a word characteristically used to express \_\_\_\_\_, sensations and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Inflection:** can usually be inflected for \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Distribution:** can typically occur with an \_\_\_\_\_ .

for example: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adjectives

**Meaning:** a word that designates a \_\_\_\_\_ or attribute of the entities named by nouns

**Inflection:** in some languages inflected for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Distribution:** can typically be modified by \_\_\_\_\_ .

for example: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adverbs

**Meaning:** a word that denotes manners and attributes of the actions designated by verbs

**Inflection:** can often be inflected for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Distribution:** can typically occur with a \_\_\_\_\_ .

for example: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prepositions

**Meaning:** a word that designates a relation in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Inflection:** cannot be inflected

**Distribution:** typically precedes an NP complement

for example: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Nouns

**Meaning:** a word that typically names things, including individuals and inanimate items.

**Inflection:** can usually be inflected for number (plurality).

**Distribution:** can typically occur with a an article/determiner before it in English

for example: a tooth      the prof      some cake

### Verbs

**Meaning:** a word characteristically used to express actions, sensations and states of being.

**Inflection:** can usually be inflected for tense (present past future).

**Distribution:** can typically occur with a (manner) adverb.

for example: has been hearing      quickly walk      talk loudly

### Adjectives

**Meaning:** a word that designates a characteristic or attribute of the entities named by nouns

**Inflection:** in some languages inflected for gender and number (to match the noun it modifies).

**Distribution:** can typically be modified by 'very' (a degree adverb).

for example: very funny      sorta biggish      totally awesome

### Adverbs

**Meaning:** a word that denotes properties and attributes of the actions designated by verbs

**Inflection:** can often be inflected for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Distribution:** can typically occur with a degree adverb ('very').

for example: very quickly      very wildly      somewhat directly

### Prepositions

**Meaning:** a word that designates a relation in space or time.

**Inflection:** cannot be inflected

**Distribution:** typically precedes an NP complement

for example: with [the stick]      from [tonight] around [6 o'clock]