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# **H**andbook of **Definitions** and Rules

### **PARTS OF SPEECH**

### **Nouns**

- 1. A singular noun is a word that names one person, place, thing, or idea: brother, classroom, piglet, and joy. A plural noun names more than one person, place, thing, or idea: brothers, classrooms, piglets, and joys.
- **2.** To help you determine whether a word in a sentence is a noun, try adding it to the following sentences. Nouns will fit in at least one of these sentences:

I know something about \_\_\_\_\_.

I know something about brothers.

I know something about a classroom.

- 3. A collective noun names a group. When the collective noun refers to the group as a whole, it is singular. When it refers to the individual group members, the collective noun is plural. The class meets two days a week. (singular)
  The board of trustees come from all walks of life. (plural)
- **4.** A **common noun** names a general class of people, places, things, or ideas: soldier, country, month, or theory. A **proper noun** specifies a particular person, place, thing, event, or idea. Proper nouns are always capitalized: **General Schwartzkopf**, **America**, **July**, or **Big Bang**.
- **5.** A **concrete noun** names an object that occupies space or that can be recognized by any of the senses: tuba, music, potato, and aroma. An **abstract noun** names an idea, a quality, or a characteristic: courage, sanity, power, and memory.
- **6.** A **possessive noun** shows possession, ownership, or the relationship between two nouns: Raul's house, the cat's fur, and the girls' soccer ball.

### **Pronouns**

- 1. A pronoun takes the place of a noun, a group of words acting as a noun, or another pronoun.
- 2. A personal pronoun refers to a specific person or thing. First person personal pronouns refer to the speaker, second person pronouns refer to the one spoken to, and third person pronouns refer to the one spoken about.

	Nominative Case	<b>Possessive Case</b>	<b>Objective Case</b>
First Person, Singular	1	my, mine	me
First Person, Plural	we	our, ours	us
Second Person, Singular	you	your, yours	you
Second Person, Plural	you	your, yours	you
Third Person, Singular	he, she, it	his, her, hers, its	him, her, it
Third Person, Plural	they	their, theirs	them

**3.** A **reflexive pronoun** refers to the subject of the sentence. An **intensive pronoun** adds emphasis to a noun or another pronoun. A **demonstrative pronoun** points out specific persons, places, things, or ideas.

Reflexive: They psyched themselves up for the football game.

Intensive: Freddie himself asked Julie out.

Demonstrative: That is a good idea! Those are my friends.

**4.** An **interrogative pronoun** is used to form questions. A **relative pronoun** is used to introduce a subordinate clause. An **indefinite pronoun** refers to persons, places, or things in a more general way than a noun does.

Interrogative: Which is your choice? With whom were you playing video games?

Relative: The cake that we baked was delicious.

No one should enter without knocking. Indefinite: **Everyone** has already voted.

5. The antecedent of a pronoun is the word or group of words referred to by the pronoun. Ben rode his bike to school. (Ben is the antecedent of his.)

### Verbs

1. A verb is a word that expresses action or a state of being and is necessary to make a statement. Most verbs will fit one or more of these sentences:

We loyal. We **love** it! We **remain** loval. We sleep.

2. An action verb tells what someone or something does. The two types of action verbs are transitive and intransitive. A transitive verb is followed by a word or words that answer the question what? or whom? An intransitive verb is not followed by a word that answers what? or whom?

Transitive: Children **trust** their parents. The puppy **carried** the bone away.

Intransitive: The team **played** poorly. The light **burned** brightly.

- 3. A linking verb links, or joins, the subject of a sentence with an adjective, a noun, or a pronoun. The concert was loud. (adjective) I am a good card player. (noun)
- **4.** A verb phrase consists of a main verb and all its auxiliary, or helping, verbs. I am waiting for a letter. My stomach has been growling all morning.
- 5. Verbs have four principal parts or forms: base, past, present participle, and past participle.

Present Participle: I am eating. Base: l eat. Past: l ate. Past Participle: I have eaten.

**6.** The principal parts are used to form six verb tenses. The **tense** of a verb expresses time.

### **Simple Tenses**

Present Tense: She eats. (present or habitual action) Past Tense: She ate. (action completed in the past) Future Tense: She will eat. (action to be done in the future)

### **Perfect Tenses**

Present Perfect Tense: She has eaten. (action done at some indefinite time or still in effect) Past Perfect Tense: She had eaten. (action completed before some other past action) Future Perfect Tense: She will have eaten. (action to be completed before some future time)

7. Irregular verbs form their past and past participle without adding -ed to the base form.

### PRINCIPAL PARTS OF IRREGULAR VERBS

Base	Past	Past Participle	Base	Past	Past Participle
be	was, were	been	catch	caught	caught
beat	beat	beaten	choose	chose	chosen
become	became	become	come	came	come
begin	began	begun	do	did	done
bite	bit	bitten <i>or</i> bit	draw	drew	drawn
blow	blew	blown	drink	drank	drunk
break	broke	broken	drive	drove	driven
bring	brought	brought	eat	ate	eaten

Base Form	Past Form	Past Participle	Base Form	Past Form	Past Participle
fall	fell	fallen	run	ran	run
feel	felt	felt	say	said	said
find	found	found	see	saw	seen
fly	flew	flown	set	set	set
freeze	froze	frozen	shrink	shrank <i>or</i>	shrunk <i>or</i>
get	got	got <i>or</i> gotten		shrunk	shrunken
give	gave	given	sing	sang	sung
go	went	gone	sit	sat	sat
grow	grew	grown	speak	spoke	spoken
hang	hung <i>or</i>	hung <i>or</i>	spring	sprang <i>or</i>	sprung
	hanged	hanged		sprung	
have	had	had	steal	stole	stolen
know	knew	known	swim	swam	swum
lay	laid	laid	take	took	taken
lead	led	led	tear	tore	torn
lend	lent	lent	tell	told	told
lie	lay	lain	think	thought	thought
lose	lost	lost	throw	threw	thrown
put	put	put	wear	wore	worn
ride	rode	ridden	win	won	won
ring	rang	rung	write	wrote	written
rise	rose	risen			

**8.** Progressive forms of verbs, combined with a form of *be*, express a continuing action. Emphatic forms, combined with a form of *do*, add emphasis or form questions.

Kari is scratching the cat.

Loni has been washing the walls.

We do support our hometown heroes. (present)

He did want that dinner. (past)

**9.** The **voice** of a verb shows whether the subject performs the action or receives the action of the verb. The **active voice** occurs when the subject performs the action. The **passive voice** occurs when the action of the verb is performed on the subject.

The owl swooped upon its prey. (active) The ice cream was scooped by the cashier. (passive)

10. A verb can express one of three moods. The indicative mood makes a statement or asks a question. The imperative mood expresses a command or request. The subjunctive mood indirectly expresses a demand, recommendation, suggestion, statement of necessity, or a condition contrary to fact.

I am overjoyed. (indicative) Stop the car. (imperative)

If I were angry, I would not have let you in. (subjunctive)

### **Adjectives**

An adjective modifies a noun or pronoun by giving a descriptive or specific detail. Adjectives
can usually show comparisons. (See Using Modifiers Correctly on pages 9 and 10.)

cold winter

colder winter

coldest winter

**2.** Most adjectives will fit this sentence:

The \_\_\_\_\_ one looks very \_\_\_\_\_.

The **dusty** one looks very **old**.

- 3. Articles are the adjectives a, an, and the. Articles do not meet the above test for adjectives.
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- **4.** A proper adjective is formed from a proper noun and begins with a capital letter. Marijka wore a **Ukrainian** costume. He was a **Danish** prince.
- 5. An adjective used as an object complement follows and describes a direct object. My aunt considers me funny.

### **Adverbs**

- 1. An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Most adverbs can show comparisons. (See Using Modifiers Correctly on pages 9 and 10.)
  - a. Adverbs that tell how, where, when, or to what degree modify verbs or verbals.

The band stepped lively. (how)

Maria writes frequently. (when)

Put the piano here. (where)

We were **thoroughly** entertained. (to what degree)

- **b.** Adverbs of degree strengthen or weaken the adjectives or other adverbs that they modify. A **very** happy fan cheered. (modifies adjective) She spoke too fast. (modifies adverb)
- 2. Many adverbs fit these sentences:

She thinks . She thinks quickly. She thinks fast.

She thinks **unusually** fast.

She \_\_\_\_\_ thinks fast.

She seldom thinks fast.

### **Prepositions, Conjunctions, and Interjections**

1. A preposition shows the relationship of a noun or a pronoun to some other word. A compound **preposition** is made up of more than one word.

The first group of students arrived.

They skated in spite of the cold weather.

- 2. Some common prepositions include these: about, above, across, after, against, along, among, around, at, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, besides, between, beyond, but, by, concerning, down, during, except, for, from, into, like, near, of, off, on, out, outside, over, past, round, since, through, till, to, toward, under, underneath, until, up, upon, with, within, without.
- **3.** A conjunction is a word that joins single words or groups of words. A coordinating conjunction joins words or groups of words that have equal grammatical weight. Correlative conjunctions work in pairs to join words and groups of words of equal weight. A subordinating conjunction joins two clauses in such a way as to make one grammatically dependent on the other.

Coordinating conjunction: He and I talked for hours.

Correlative conjunctions: Russ wants either a cat or a dog. Subordinating conjunction: We ate lunch **when** it was ready.

**4.** A **conjunctive adverb** clarifies a relationship.

He did not like cold weather; nevertheless, he shoveled the snow.

**5.** An interjection is an unrelated word or phrase that expresses emotion or exclamation.

Wow, that was cool! Aha! You fell right into my trap!

### PARTS OF THE SENTENCE

### **Subjects and Predicates**

1. The simple subject is the key noun or pronoun that tells what the sentence is about. A compound subject is made up of two or more simple subjects that are joined by a conjunction and have the same verb.

My father snores.

My mother and I can't sleep.

2. The simple predicate is the verb or verb phrase that expresses the essential thought about the subject of the sentence. A compound predicate is made up of two or more verbs or verb phrases that are joined by a conjunction and have the same subject.

The night was cold. The elves sang and danced in the flower garden.

- 3. The complete subject consists of the simple subject and all the words that modify it. The bright lights of the city burned intensely. The warm, soothing fire kept us warm.
- **4.** The complete predicate consists of the simple predicate and all the words that modify it or complete its meaning.

Dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. The sun provides heat for the earth.

5. Usually the subject comes before the predicate in a sentence. In inverted sentences, all or part of the predicate precedes the subject.

There are two muffins on the plate. Over the field soared the glider.

### **Complements**

- 1. A complement is a word or group of words that complete the meaning of the verb. There are four kinds of complements: direct objects, indirect objects, object complements, and subject complements.
- **2.** A direct object answers *what?* or *whom?* after an action verb.

Sammi ate the turkey. (Sammi ate what?)

Carlos watched his sister in the school play. (Carlos watched whom?)

3. An indirect object receives what the direct object names.

Marie wrote **June** a letter. George Washington gave his troops orders.

**4.** A subject complement follows a subject and a linking verb and identifies or describes the subject. A predicate nominative is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and further identifies the subject. A predicate adjective follows a linking verb and further describes the subject.

Predicate Nominative: The best football player is Jacob. Predicate Adjective: The people have been very patient.

**5.** An object complement describes or renames a direct object. Ami found the man handsome. Object Complement:

Carlo thought the woman a genius. Object Complement:

### **PHRASES**

- 1. A phrase is a group of words that acts in a sentence as a single part of speech.
- 2. A prepositional phrase is a group of words that begins with a preposition and usually ends with a noun or pronoun called the object of the preposition. A prepositional phrase can modify a noun or a pronoun, a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.

One of my favorite meals is pigs in a blanket. (modifies the noun pigs)

The supersonic jet soared **into the sky**. (modifies the verb *soared*)

The love of a household pet can be valuable for a family. (modifies the adjective valuable)

The child reads well for a six year old. (modifies the adverb well)

3. An appositive is a noun or a pronoun that is placed next to another noun or pronoun to identify it or give more information about it. An appositive phrase is an appositive plus its modifiers. My grandfather **Géza** takes me fishing. C.S. Lewis, **my favorite author**, lived in England.