

Word Classes

What is a word class?

All words belong to categories called word classes (or parts of speech) according to the part they play in a sentence. The main word classes in English are:

Noun

Verb

Adjective

Adverb

Pronoun

Preposition

Conjunction

Determiner

Verbs

**A word that describes what a person or thing does, such as:
run, hit, rain, be, seem,
become, grow**

Although he **was tired**, the young boy **ran** quickly into his bedroom **to read** a book.

Nouns

A word that identifies a person, place thing idea or quality, such as: woman, dog, building, London, truth, birth

Although he was tired, the young **boy** ran quickly into his **bedroom** to read a **book**.

Adjectives

**A word that describes a
noun, such as:**

red, bad, giant, hairy, shy

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Adverbs

A word that gives more information about a verb adjective or another adverb, such as: lazily, easily, abroad, very

Although he was tired, the young boy ran **quickly** into his bedroom to read a book.

Prepositions

**A word that describes the position of something, the time it happened or the way it is done, such as:
under, between, on, after, by**

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Conjunction

**A word that connects,
phrases or sentences,
such as:**

and because but for, ir, or

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Determiners

**A word that introduces a
noun, such as:**

an, a, every, this, those, the

Although he was tired, **the** young boy ran quickly into his bedroom to read **a** book.

Pronouns

A word that is used in place of a noun that is a specific person or thing, such as: she, him, mine, we, I, us, me, herself

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