

Word Classes

	Definition	Tests
Noun	Name of a person, place or thing	Put 'a' or 'the' in front of common nouns and they will make sense.
Pronoun	Word used instead of a noun Eg. I, you, he, she, it, they, we, your, mine, theirs, etc.	Put a noun in its place and it will make sense.
Adjective	Describes a noun	Put a noun after it and it will make sense.
Verb	Something that is 'done' by something or someone Remember the hard verb to spot 'to be' (present tense - am, are, is ; past tense – was, were)	Put a noun or a pronoun in front of it to see if it can be 'done' by something or someone. See if it can change tense Look for common verb endings like 'ed' and 'ing'
Adverb	Describes how, when or where a verb is done	Often ends in 'ly' It will probably answer the question how, when or where about the verb in the sentence.
Conjunction	Joins sentences or parts of sentences together Eg. but, however, although, whilst, despite	Check if it is joining two or more pieces of information together
Preposition	Words that link two nouns in a sentence and answer the question where or when Eg. over, under, beside, at, by, for, from, into, on, to, with	Check if these words answer the question where or when and check there are two nouns being linked
Determiner	Give extra information about nouns and tell us if they are specific or general, how many there are, how much there are or which ones they are. Eg. a, an, the, those, these, every, two, twenty, etc.	Put a noun after it and it will make sense but make sure it's not an adjective.