

Notes from the Workshop: Parts of Speech

On your own

Write one sentence about what you plan to do this weekend.

From your sentence, identify as many of the following as possible:

Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections

I am planning to study and go to church this weekend.

This (that) is a demonstrative adjective because it tells more about the “weekend”

A word that expresses an action is a verb.

Present progressive (am planning) “am” is a helping verb (auxiliary verb) is listening, is sitting, is typing
(be+ present participle verb +ing)

Present participle: reading, writing, asking...

Past participle: lived, worked, seen, went...

Participle adjective: an adjective that comes from the present participle and past participle

Be=is, am, are, were, was, been

Conjunctions –join words (phrases and clauses) together

Gerund (verb+ing) is used as a noun

Infinitive: To+ base form of verb is also used as a noun.

With a Partner

Match the definition for each part of speech and then write examples for each:

Parts of Speech	Definition	Example
Nouns	name persons, places, things, or ideas	San Francisco, Ángela, Cañada College, (proper noun) telephone, city,
Pronouns	take the place of nouns	Them, she, he, I, you, he, she, it, they (personal pronouns) Subject pronouns My, your, his, her, its, our (adjective-possessive) Me, you, him, her, us. Object pronouns Possessive pronouns: mine, ours, his, yours, hers You and I will go out for lunch.
Adjectives	describe or modify nouns or pronouns	Beautiful, crazy, friendly, smart, tall, intelligent, comfortable, honest, hardworking, bilingual, capable,

		responsible, reliable, available
Verbs	express action or being	Talk, play, work, read, write, kiss, give, learn, practice Be, seem, appears,
Adverbs	describe or modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs	Slowly, quickly, happily, often, always, usually, sometimes, seldom, rarely, never, very
Conjunctions	join words or groups of words	For, And, Nor, Bur, Or, Yet, So(coordinating conjunctions) Because, if, when, while, before, after (subordinating conjunctions)Some of these can be prepositions
Prepositions	relate nouns or pronouns to other words in a sentences	To, at, for, from, through, in, on, under, behind, near, in front of, between. "Into the room" preposition phrase (preposition followed by a noun or pronoun) On the desk In the room On the table At the computer On the wall On Wednesday Behind of the computer Between two places
Interjections	express emotion or feeling	Ah! Wow! Oh No! Hey! Huh! Uh huh!