

BASIC RULES OF GRAMMAR

Definitions of Parts of Speech

There are nine different parts of speech:

1. **Noun** – *the name of a person, place or thing.*
2. **Adjective** – *a word that describes a noun.*
3. **Interjection** – *a word that shows surprise.*
4. **Pronoun** – *a word that can be used instead of a noun.*
5. **Verb** – *a word that describes an action or a state of being.*
6. **Adverb** – *a word that tells us more about a verb.*
7. **Conjunction** – *a word that joins two words, phrases or clauses.*
8. **Preposition** – *a word that stands before a noun.*
9. **Article** – *a name for the words a, an and the.*



1. NOUNS

A noun is the name of a person, place or thing, for example *Margaret, school, hat, Australia*.
Can you write one noun for each letter of the alphabet?

The first one is done for you.

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Now fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable nouns:

1. The young _____ ran all the way home from school.
2. Mary won first prize with her new _____ at the horse show.
3. John could not do his homework because he left his _____ at _____.
4. There were eight _____ on my birthday _____.
5. My favourite meal is fish and _____ with lots of tomato _____.
6. Sarah has a new baby _____ called Michael.



2. ADJECTIVES

Adjectives describe (or ‘qualify’) a noun, for example **blue, tall, fat, small.**

Can you write an adjective to go with each of these nouns?

The first one is done for you.

Try to think of interesting adjectives.

- stormy sky
- house
- gate
- book
- yacht
- kangaroo
- car
- game
- snake
- factory
- heart
- diamond
- holiday
- puppy



Now fill in the blanks in the following sentences with interesting adjectives of your own. Try to avoid slang words and words like 'nice', which is a rather boring and overworked word!

1. Cricket is a _____
_____ game.
2. Hebrew is one of the world's _____
languages.
3. Soccer is played with a _____ ball whereas Australian Rules football and rugby are played with an _____ one.
4. For his birthday John's father bought him a _____
_____ sports car.
5. Helen came to the party in a _____
_____ dress.
6. The _____
_____ puppy chewed Peter's new pair of socks.