

# noun

A noun is the word we use to identify a person, place, object or idea. Common nouns refer to any of the above, whereas proper nouns refer to any **particular** person, place, object or idea.

Examples of common nouns:

boy, shop, table, dream

Examples of proper nouns:

Sally, London, Channel Tunnel

# pronoun

A pronoun is the word used in the place of one or more nouns.

Examples of pronouns:

As soon as **she** returned from holiday, Anne telephoned her father and told **him** about the accident.

# adjective

An adjective qualifies a noun or pronoun. It describes size, colour, how many, which one, whose, or what kind.

Examples of adjectives:

An **old** man shouted from an **upper** window of the **terraced** house.

# verb

A verb is a word which expresses action or state of being. The tense of the verb shows the **time** of that action or state.

Examples of verbs:

He **ran** to the shops. (*past*)

I **feel** the cold. (*present*)

We will **leave** next week.  
(*future*)

# adverb

An adverb is used to modify a verb, an adjective or another adverb. It expresses in what manner, when, where, and how much.

Examples of adverbs:

The man spoke **loudly**.

*(modifies the verb **spoke**)*

He was **very** annoyed.

*(modifies the adjective **annoyed**)*

He spoke **too** quickly.

*(modifies the adverb **quickly**)*