

Review A: Parts of Speech

EXERCISE A In the following paragraphs, identify the part of speech of each underlined word by writing above it *N* for *noun*, *ADJ* for *adjective*, *PREP* for *preposition*, *PRON* for *pronoun*, *ADV* for *adverb*, *CONJ* for *conjunction*, *V* for *verb*, or *INTJ* for *interjection*.

Example [1] ^VFollow the instructions for [2] ^{ADJ}this grammar exercise.

In [1] America today, grammarians are [2] rarely heroes to students. Nevertheless, the opposite [3] should be true. Just ask any student [4] who has trouble with [5] high school English.

Probably the most famous American [6] grammarian is Noah Webster, who [7] died over a century ago. However, Webster is not usually remembered for his work [8] as a grammarian. [9] Because of the dictionaries [10] that have been named after him, he has become famous; however, he had nothing at all to do with most of them!

One of the [11] most interesting grammarians of the [12] twentieth century is the Harvard scholar George Lyman Kittredge. Working with a colleague, in 1913 he [13] published a book called *An Advanced English Grammar*. His book treats grammar with a [14] well-known firmness. [15] Oh, Kittredge's overpowering [16] personality inspired many legends [17] and stories [18] about his imperious and dramatic manner.

That Kittredge's book [19] happens to be available for the [20] rest of us is fortunate. [21] Well, what other grammarian today would write what Kittredge did on the very first page of his [22] grammar book? One sample sentence on that page [23] states categorically, "A man who respects [24] himself should never condescend to use [25] slovenly language."

EXERCISE B In each sentence below, underline all the words that function as the italicized part of speech given before the sentence.

Example 1. *noun* We drove past many fields of cotton.

26. *pronoun* Of all the fabrics used, cotton cloth is one of the oldest in the world.
27. *verb* Five thousand years ago the inhabitants of India grew and spun cotton.
28. *adverb* Cotton was also used frequently in ancient Egypt, China, and Pakistan.
29. *preposition* It was not until A.D. 700 that Europeans began to grow cotton in their fields.
30. *adjective* The weaving of cotton fabrics was one important factor in the English Industrial Revolution.