

Determining Parts of Speech

12f. The way a word is used in a sentence determines what part of speech it is.

The same word may be used as different parts of speech.

PRONOUN Some of these baseball cards are quite valuable.

ADJECTIVE Some baseball cards are quite valuable.

ADVERB Let's go **outside** and pass the football.

PREPOSITION We will meet you **outside** the main entrance to the stadium.

NOUN Please turn off the **light**.

VERB Alex, will you **light** the candles?

INTERJECTION **Good!** I'm glad you agree.

ADJECTIVE Everyone agreed the plan was a **good** one.

EXERCISE In each of the following sentences, identify the part of speech of the underlined word by writing above it *NOUN* for *noun*, *PRO* for *pronoun*, *VERB* for *verb*, *PREP* for *preposition*, *ADJ* for *adjective*, *ADV* for *adverb*, or *INT* for *interjection*.

Example 1. ^{*PRO*} All of the students were in the classroom.

- The worried young man wandered about.
- The article is about the ancient rain forests.
- The dark night felt quiet and empty.
- She strolled around in the dark.
- The startled deer ran fast.
- She worked at an astonishingly fast rate.
- I run every morning.
- The sprinter had an excellent run in this morning's competition.
- You got tickets to the show? Great!
- It should be a great show.