

## The Parts of Speech

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All nouns are names of things  
As *Mary, Rome, and kings*.

Pronouns take the place of nouns,  
You know, she works, he frowns.

Verbs tell something to be done—  
To *read, count, sing, laugh or run*.

When what kind you wish to state,  
Use adjectives as *small or great*.

But if manner you would tell  
Use adverbs, *slowly, well*.

Conjunctions join the words together,  
As men *and* women, wind *or* weather.

The preposition stands before  
A noun, as *in or through* a door.

Interjection shows surprise,  
As *oh! how pretty! ah! how wise*.

The whole are called eight parts of speech,  
Which reading, writing, speaking teach.

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Each **noun** is the name of a different thing  
As “The ***city*** of ***London*** loved ***Henry*** its ***king***.”

Most **pronouns** take the place of nouns,  
As “***Jane*** always smiles, unless ***she*** frowns.”

**Adjectives** are essential when you want to tell  
That “The ***large*** dog is ***goofy***, and ***friendly*** as well.”

**Verbs** make the ideas we have ***go*** places  
As “The man ***jogs*** fast so he ***won*** all four races!”

**Adverbs** add to the action, telling where, when, or how;  
As “It occurs ***quickly*** or ***slowly***, ***someday*** or ***now***.”

**Conjunctions** connect our ideas and words  
As “We fed ***and*** we watched the squirrels ***or*** birds.”

**Prepositions** join nouns that follow ***behind*** them  
***to*** the things and actions ***with*** which they bind them.

The **interjection** shows feeling or some surprise  
As “***Oh!*** I know all eight parts now! ***How wise!***”