

# Parts of Speech Review B

## Adverbs

What parts of speech does an adverb modify?

Adjectives, adverbs, and verbs

In the following sentences, underline the word MODIFIED by the **ADVERB**.

1. **Apparently** he **ate** last.
2. Yogurt is **very** **good** for you.
3. **Only** **rarely** do I eat dessert.

Circle the ADVERB. UNDERLINE the word it MODIFIES. (Adverbs in red – Word modified underlined)

1. Trained seals will **graciously** provide hilarious and unbelievable performances.
2. Trainers **frequently** drop tiny fish into the seals' mouths.
3. If a seal performs **badly**, the show remains enjoyable.
4. **Strangely** moody, house cats are often overlooked as trainable.
5. Ordinary cats can be **unusually** good performers.
6. Dogs are **almost** always hungry. (“Always” is also an adverb modifying “are”)
7. They may bark **too** eagerly for food. (“eagerly” is also an adverb modifying “bark”)
8. Dogs will wait **somewhat** longer than people.
9. One dog howled a tune **very** loudly to receive his food. (“loudly” is also an adverb)

## PRONOUNS

What is an antecedent?

The word that is replaced by the pronoun

In the following sentences, CIRCLE the **PRONOUN** and UNDERLINE the ANTECEDENT.

1. Poet Lance Henson has published twelve books in which **he** celebrates the rich heritage of the Cheyenne.
2. After Aretha and Ted gathered signatures on the petition, **they** signed **it** themselves.
3. How many in this class have already written **their** essays?
4. Sherri brought **her** book to class today.

## VERBS

What is a VERB PHRASE?

The main verb and all helping verbs

Which words will NEVER be a part of a VERB PHRASE?

Prepositions, adverbs, adjectives ---The verb phrase NEVER includes the word "NOT"

*Underline the VERB PHRASE in each of the following sentences:*

1. Computer games can entertain children and adults.
2. In some electronic baseball games, the player is always batting against the computer's pitchers.
3. In one baseball game, the player might stretch a double into a triple.
4. In another game, the player could turn a single into a tag at second base.
5. If the sales person will let you, you probably should try several different games at the store.
6. The player can also participate in some electronic football games.
7. You can change plays even at the line of scrimmage.
8. People with spelling problems have benefitted from electronic spelling games with human voices.
9. People who have used these games have actually improved their spelling.
10. An electronic word game can even challenge two players at once.

## PREPOSITIONS

A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE must have what two things?

A preposition and its OBJECT

Is "to + verb" a prepositional phrase? Yes No

Is "with her" a prepositional phrase? Yes No

*Find the prep phrases in the following sentences:*

1. My grandmother's apartment is **below ours**.
2. The windows shook **during the earthquake tremors**.
3. We failed our drill **despite our preparations**.
4. The bus driver waited **for me**.

5. I wanted to see him, but I was afraid **of his judgment**. (“to see” is an infinitive, not a prep)
6. **In the fall**, Zack returned **to school**.
7. I wanted to sit **next to him** next time.
8. **Since last week**, Sadie has been complaining **about a sore wrist**.
9. She looked **in the car** and saw a sleeping puppy **on the seat**.
10. **According to her**, the box **of dishes** was too heavy and nearly broke.

## Action Vs. Linking Verbs

How can I test verbs that are sometimes action and sometimes linking?

*Identify the verbs in the following sentences as either action or linking.*

1. I **was** tired. **Linking Verb**
2. I **experienced** extreme fatigue. **Action Verb**
3. Ozone **is** pale blue and extremely toxic. **Linking Verb**
4. Ozone **exhibits** an attractive pale blue color. **Action Verb**
5. Ozone **reaches** its boiling point at -111.9 degrees Celsius. **Action Verb**
6. The boiling point of ozone **is** -111.9 degrees Celsius. **Linking Verb**
7. The waiter **brought** a spicy dish to the table. **Action Verb**
8. The soup **was** spicy. **Linking Verb**
9. The pitcher **appeared** tired during the last inning of the baseball game. **Linking Verb**
10. The workers **cheered** the announcement. **Action Verb**

*Transitive or Intransitive Action Verb?*

1. Both sides considered the new agreement. **TRANSITIVE**
2. The knife cut quickly and with precision. **INTRANSITIVE**
3. Jewelers cut gems. **TRANSITIVE**
4. Each side believed in the necessity of new productivity incentives for the employees.  
**INTRANSITIVE**