

The Grammar Skeleton - Parts of Speech

A **noun** is an object or a thing, i.e. skull, spine, ribs are all nouns.
List two more nouns

1. _____
2. _____

An **adjective** is a describing word. An adjective describes a noun. Big, funny, boney, soapy, are all adjectives.
Underline the adjectives in the following sentence:
The tall, creaking, skeleton moved across the dark church yard.

When we want to join to ideas together we use a **conjunction**. Words like and, so, because, but, also are all conjunctions.
Underline the conjunctions in the following sentence:
The skeleton stood waiting because he wanted to frighten the visitors



A **verb** is an action or a doing word, i.e. jump, think, eat, walk, fly.
Underline the verbs in these sentences:
1. The skeleton danced through the graveyard.
2. The bones rattled as the skeleton moved.

An **adverb** is like an adjective but it describe an action or a verb. Think 'add and 'verb' - add to a verb. They usually end in -ly.
Quickly, shakily, horribly, suddenly are all adverbs. Underline the adverbs in the following sentence:
The boney skeleton danced creakily to the sound of the wind, which whistled sadly through the branches of the tree.

A **pronoun** refers to someone or something instead of using it's name. He, she, you, I, his, are all pronouns.
Underline the pronouns in the following sentence:
The skeleton lifted his hand and waved his boney fingers

Now that you know the names for different parts of speech, Highlight the **nouns** and **adjectives**, **verbs** and **adverbs**, **pronouns** and **conjunctions** in the following passage:

The evil skeleton creakily turned its neck towards the young couple that had just entered the eerie graveyard trying to find their way to the Inn. He shook his ancient bones and dragged himself out of the cold and open grave and started creeping towards the rusted graveyard gates. One of the men coughed loudly and rubbed his hands to warm them. As the pair passed beneath the bare tree which stood out starkly against the moonlight, they heard a twig snap...

1. What is the atmosphere of this passage of writing?
2. How do you know?

Underline something that creates atmosphere.