

Glossary

Noun- a word that names a person, place, thing, quality, or action. Examples: Mary, America, table, computer, joy, explanation.

Proper Noun - a noun that always begins with a capital letter, such as a person's name.

Pronoun- a word that substitutes for a noun. Examples: he, she, it, we, they.

Verb- a word that describes an action or state of being. Examples: go, read, wait, be. I see you.

Adjective- a word that modifies or gives a description of another word. Examples: beautiful, soft, green, tiny. The beautiful girl sat down.

Adverb- a word that modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs often end in -ly. Examples: very, slowly, finally. She reads slowly. He writes really well.

Preposition- a word that shows the relation between a noun or noun-equivalent (the object of the preposition) to some other word in a sentence. Examples: Across, after, at, before, between, by for, from, in, of, on, over, to, under, with, up. He jumped onto the bicycle.

Prepositional phrase- a group of words that shows the relation between a noun or noun-equivalent and some other word in a sentence. The first word in a prepositional phrase is almost always a preposition. Example: I dove into the pool.

Interjection- a part of speech used for simple exclamations. Examples: Oh! Ouch! Whew!