



Parts of Speech 3

There are 8 basic parts of speech: verbs, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.

Prepositions

Prepositions are words that show relationships between two things, often relating to time and space. They link a noun or pronoun with another word or words in a sentence. A preposition combined with a noun or pronoun is called a *prepositional phrase*. The following are commonly used prepositions:

about	below	for	off	upon
above	beside	from	on	until
after	between	in	over	with
among	but	into	to	
at	by	like	under	
before	except	of	up	

Prepositions of Time

- On** Use with days. *My project is due **on** Friday.*
- At** Use with hours of the day and with noon, night, midnight, and dawn. *I fell asleep **at** nine o'clock.*
- In** Use with other parts of the day (such as morning, afternoon, and evening) and with weeks, months, years, and seasons. *I will call you **in** two weeks.*

Prepositions of Place

- On** Indicates an exterior on which something rests. *The bowl is **on** the table.*
- At** Indicates a place in relation to another object. *George is **at** home. ('At' encompasses the inside of the house and the property.)*
- In** Denotes an object within the boundaries of an area or volume. *He is **in** the house. ('In' refers to inside the building.)*

Logical Relationships

- Of** Shows the relationship between a part and the whole. *Of also states a noun or pronoun's material or content.*
*One **of** the dolphins was hurt.*
*The belt is made **of** leather.*
- For** Demonstrates purpose.
*I picked a flower **for** my mother.*
*There is a cake **for** dessert tonight.*

Another Rule: A subject of a sentence is never in a prepositional phrase. *One of the students is late. (Not are late).*