



Noun or Adjective? Practice

Remember, studying “Parts of Speech” means studying how a word is **used**. Examine each of the underlined words, and circle whether the word is being used as a noun (N) or an adjective (A). Circle O for other if the word is being used as neither a noun nor an adjective.

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| N | A | O | 1. Is that an <u>Oak</u> tree? |
| N | A | O | 2. Holly's hope chest is made entirely of <u>Oak</u> . |
| N | A | O | 3. Go stand under that <u>Oak</u> so that I can take your picture. |
| N | A | O | 4. We'd better hurry, or we'll be late for our <u>dance</u> class. |
| N | A | O | 5. I don't <u>dance</u> very well. |
| N | A | O | 6. <u>Dance</u> like you've never danced before! |
| N | A | O | 7. Can you believe that Anita is going with Jason to the <u>dance</u> ? |
| N | A | O | 8. He walked down the hall with a little <u>dance</u> in his step. |
| N | A | O | 9. Which <u>book</u> do you want to read for your project? |
| N | A | O | 10. I plan to assemble those <u>book</u> shelves for my room. |
| N | A | O | 11. <u>Barn</u> owls are beautiful, yet treacherous, birds. |
| N | A | O | 12. David ran his car into the side of that old <u>barn</u> . |
| N | A | O | 13. Don't forget to sweep out the stalls in the <u>barn</u> . |
| N | A | O | 14. I want to paint the kitchen walls <u>barn</u> red. |
| N | A | O | 15. The <u>band</u> room is at the other end of the building from here. |
| N | A | O | 16. The Battle of the <u>Bands</u> is tonight at the Youth Center! |
| N | A | O | 17. We must all <u>band</u> together in these sorrowful times. |
| N | A | O | 18. Use that <u>band</u> to hold those boxes closed. |
| N | A | O | 19. The HBO series “ <u>Band</u> of Brothers” was very popular. |
| N | A | O | 20. I like a lot of different kinds of pie, but <u>apple</u> pie is the best. |
| N | A | O | 21. Is that <u>apple</u> flavored coffee? |
| N | A | O | 22. Do we have any <u>apple</u> cider left from the bonfire? |
| N | A | O | 23. Cut a <u>pie</u> shaped piece from that piece of paper. |
| N | A | O | 24. The menu for this restaurant does not include <u>pie</u> . |
| N | A | O | 25. I would like to go for a <u>walk</u> in the woods before it gets cold. |
| N | A | O | 26. Will you <u>walk</u> with me to the store? |
| N | A | O | 27. A brisk <u>walk</u> is sometimes the best exercise. |
| N | A | O | 28. That <u>walk</u> across the desert is deadly. |
| N | A | O | 29. Toby may have to have <u>heart</u> surgery to fix his leaking valve. |
| N | A | O | 30. That <u>heart</u> shaped picture frame sure is cute! |
| N | A | O | 31. My <u>heart</u> just breaks every time I read about homelessness. |

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| N | A | O | 32. I have an <u>art</u> class seventh hour. |
| N | A | O | 33. Knitting is a fine <u>art</u> to learn. |
| N | A | O | 34. That crayon picture hanging on the fridge is pure <u>art</u> . |
| N | A | O | 35. My aunt has a glass of <u>wine</u> with every meal. |
| N | A | O | 36. My favorite sweater is <u>wine</u> red. |
| N | A | O | 37. There is a dried-up <u>well</u> in our back yard. |
| N | A | O | 38. Truth be told, I don't sing very <u>well</u> . |
| N | A | O | 39. <u>Well</u> , I hope you don't start singing in the car, then! |
| N | A | O | 40. Tears will <u>well</u> up in my eyes if I read that sad letter again. |

Parts of Speech – Nouns & Adjectives Practice

Underline the adjectives in each of the following sentences. Do NOT underline the articles. Circle the nouns.

1. My favorite shirt has green stripes.
2. A tall man wearing a black hat delivered a large, gray package to my front door.
3. Ten young girls began to sing a new hit song during the middle of study hall.
4. Chemistry exams can be difficult for some students.
5. Have you eaten your nutritious lunch?
6. Many children forget to follow simple rules in a school setting.
7. Your black stapler is lost in the field house, Mr. Miller.
8. No, Mary, you may not bring a large, stuffed, purple teddy bear to English class.
9. The new, red, shiny Mazda is a very attractive car.
10. Pink nail polish looks hideous when someone is wearing orange clothing.
11. Brave young men fought for their countries in World War II.
12. The brightly colored posters on the east wall attracted the attention of my students.
13. My favorite Italian food is lasagna, but only if it has Ricotta and Parmesan cheese.
14. Dirty kitchen floors are gross.
15. The tall, thin, young man with the tousled hair was wearing a soft blue sweater.
16. Nineteen problems were deleted from the math test because they were too difficult.
17. White blouses with polka dots should not be worn with plaid vests.
18. Finding a tiny silver needle in a large, golden-brown haystack is a difficult and time-consuming job.
19. Western movies are popular with my favorite uncle.
20. Finding three adjectives in one sentence can be an impossible task.





Parts of Speech – Nouns Portfolio

Write only the nouns from each sentence on the lines below.

1. Mary and Bill wanted to go to the store to buy some potato chips, but their mother told them to stay home.

2. Can Stanley be trusted to tell the truth?

3. Hamburgers, French fries, and milk shakes are all tasty foods.

4. Jackie, my new therapist, graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

5. My cousins enjoy riding the gigantic roller coaster at Great America in Gurnee, Illinois.

6. Several students and teachers were late for school because of the icy conditions.

7. My family includes three siblings: Beau, Sara, and Tim.

8. Red is my favorite color.

9. Chattanooga, Tennessee is a large metropolitan area.

10. Sara attended the basketball game with her friend Kelsey, who lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Write a common noun for each proper noun.

11. Ms. Meyers _____

12. Africa _____

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| 13. West High School | _____ |
| 14. Copps | _____ |
| 15. Wisconsin | _____ |
| 16. Spanish | _____ |
| 17. Madison | _____ |
| 18. Star Cinema | _____ |
| 19. The Lion King | _____ |
| 20. Mrs. Manny Brown | _____ |

Write a proper noun for each common noun.

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| 21. jeans | _____ |
| 22. university | _____ |
| 23. book | _____ |
| 24. cookie | _____ |
| 25. movie | _____ |
| 26. song | _____ |
| 27. car | _____ |
| 28. restaurant | _____ |
| 29. city | _____ |
| 30. shoe | _____ |

Read each pair of words; circle the abstract (idea) noun in each pair.

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| 31. fever | thermometer |
| 32. friendship | friend |
| 33. price | pricetag |
| 34. fire | emergency |
| 35. ice cream | hunger |
| 36. gymnast | excitement |
| 37. year | calendar |
| 38. love | heart |
| 39. earthquake | disaster |
| 40. Thomas Jefferson | independence |





Parts of Speech – Adjectives Portfolio

In the following paragraph, the adjectives (not the articles) are printed in bold italics. Write the adjective on the first line, and the word it modifies on the second line.

1. By the 1890s, and ***extraordinary*** craze for bicycling had swept the United States.
2. Though bicycles had been ***available*** for years, the ***early*** versions made for an ***awkward*** ride.
3. These ***ungainly*** cycles featured a very ***tall*** wheel in the front and a ***small*** wheel in the back.
4. In 1885, however, a more ***sensible*** bicycle was introduced, one that resembled the ***modern*** vehicle. 5. ***Energetic*** people everywhere suddenly took to ***this*** bicycle. 6. Bicycling soon became a ***national*** sport. 7. Cyclists joined ***special*** clubs that planned ***vigorous*** tours through the countryside. 8. A ***typical*** ride might cover ***twenty*** miles, with a ***welcome*** stop for refreshments. 9. Races were also ***popular*** with ***enthusiastic*** spectators, who often outnumbered those at ball games. 10. The fans enjoyed watching ***these*** tests of endurance, which sometimes lasted ***six*** days.

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