

Parts of Speech Overview: Noun, Pronoun, Adjective

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence below, and look at the underlined word or words. Then, choose the answer that identifies the part of speech of the underlined word or

EXAMPLE

1. Yes, it is an Egyptian statue.

- A proper noun
- B proper adjective
- C collective noun
- D concrete noun

Answer: (A) (B) (C) (D)

1. Could this be the legendary continent of Atlantis?

- A personal pronoun
- B adjective
- C demonstrative pronoun
- D interrogative pronoun

2. Ooh! Is that a present for me?

- A reflexive pronoun
- B noun
- C indefinite pronoun
- D personal pronoun

3. Who can take a note to the office?

- A demonstrative pronoun
- B noun
- C interrogative pronoun
- D reflexive pronoun

4. Read the passage again with more energy.

- A adjective
- B abstract noun
- C collective noun
- D concrete noun

5. In 1982, *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg won the Caldecott Medal.
- A common noun
 - B proper adjective
 - C collective noun
 - D compound noun
6. Indian curry powder is not one spice but a blend of several spices, such as ginger, pepper, and cloves.
- A pronoun
 - B adjective
 - C indefinite pronoun
 - D intensive pronoun
7. Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback was the first African American to serve as a governor in the United States.
- A collective noun
 - B proper adjective
 - C common noun
 - D proper noun
8. What is a New York minute anyway?
- A proper noun
 - B proper adjective
 - C common noun
 - D abstract noun
9. Wow! Your horse is beautiful!
- A common adjective
 - B abstract noun
 - C intensive pronoun
 - D proper adjective
10. Can the team rely on you?
- A pronoun
 - B collective noun
 - C adjective
 - D compound noun

The Phrase: Prepositional, Verbal, and Appositive Phrases

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence below, and look at the underlined word or phrase. Then, choose the answer that identifies the type of word or phrase. Do not separately identify a prepositional phrase that is part of a larger phrase.

EXAMPLE

1. Satisfied sheep grazed peacefully on the lush grass.

A gerund
B infinitive
C participle
D appositive

Answer: (A) (B) (C) (D)

1. Chaco Canyon, once the home of the Anasazi people, is now a national park.

A prepositional phrase
B participial phrase
C gerund phrase
D appositive phrase

2. There will, of course, be no talking during the film.

A adjective phrase
B adverb phrase
C gerund phrase
D participial phrase

3. Make writing in your journal every day a priority.

A appositive phrase
B participial phrase
C gerund phrase
D infinitive phrase

4. Even after two hours, they still had plenty left to say.

A gerund
B infinitive
C participle
D prepositional phrase

5. Countless people owe their lives to the groundbreaking work of Charles Richard Drew, M.D., a McGill University Medical School graduate.
- A gerund
 - B infinitive
 - C participle
 - D appositive
6. The tools in that box are used only for metalwork.
- A adjective phrase
 - B adverb phrase
 - C gerund phrase
 - D participial phrase
7. Did you enjoy the grilled vegetables?
- A gerund
 - B infinitive
 - C participle
 - D appositive
8. Surrounded by bushels of pole beans, the boys spent the day shelling them for canning.
- A participial phrase
 - B gerund phrase
 - C infinitive phrase
 - D appositive phrase
9. I just called to say hello.
- A adjective phrase
 - B prepositional phrase
 - C gerund phrase
 - D infinitive phrase
10. Planning is an important part of every job.
- A gerund
 - B infinitive
 - C participle
 - D appositive

Sentence Structure: The Four Basic Sentence Structures

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence below. Then, choose the answer that identifies the type of sentence.

EXAMPLE

1. Before the sun rises, she runs two miles or does calisthenics.

- A simple sentence
- B compound sentence
- C complex sentence
- D compound-complex sentence

Answer: (A) (B) (C) (D)

1. Will it snow this weekend?

- A simple sentence
- B compound sentence
- C complex sentence
- D compound-complex sentence

2. Twin fawns slept in the tall grass while their mother kept watch.

- A simple sentence
- B compound sentence
- C complex sentence
- D compound-complex sentence

3. Joe wrote most of the story, but Kevin will read it to the class because Joe is too nervous.

- A simple sentence
- B compound sentence
- C complex sentence
- D compound-complex sentence

4. Slaves from Africa gave the peanut its common name in the South—*goober*.

- A simple sentence
- B compound sentence
- C complex sentence
- D compound-complex sentence

5. Cork trees require twenty years of care before they may be stripped of their bark, but then they may yield another harvest in only eight years.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence
6. The hikers could easily see layers of colored rock along the cliff where the riverbed turned sharply.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence
7. Mercury is a poisonous metal, yet it has many practical uses.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence
8. A line of dump trucks rolled up the street, and the neighbors came out and watched them.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence
9. I had no idea just how large a battleship is until I saw one.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence
10. At the end of the Civil War, General Edmund Kirby Smith surrendered the last Confederate army in the field.
- A simple sentence
 - B compound sentence
 - C complex sentence
 - D compound-complex sentence