



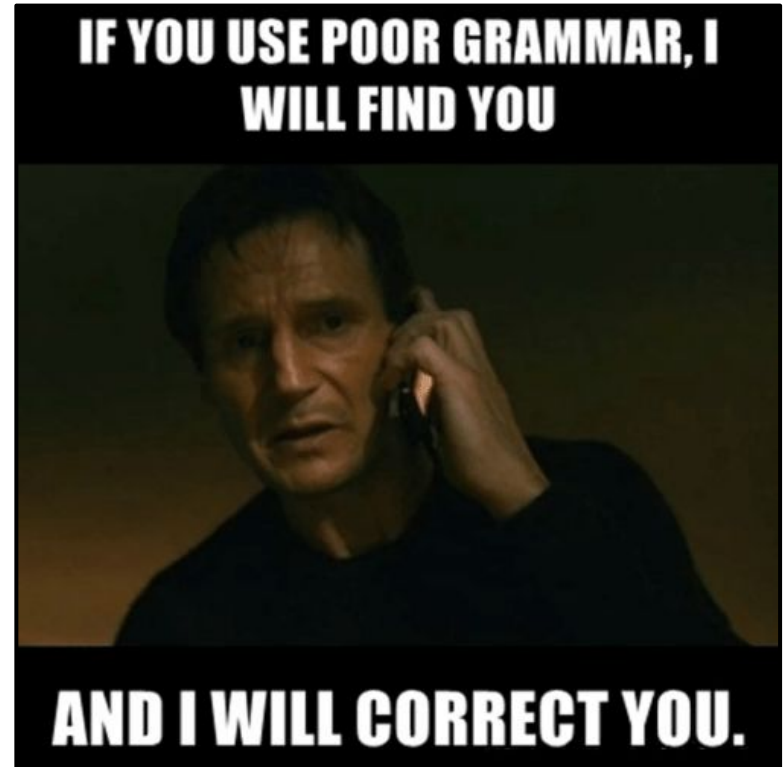
8 PARTS OF SPEECH

GET YOUR GRAMMAR ON.



WHAT IS A PART OF SPEECH?

A category to which a word is assigned based on the role it plays in a sentence.



HOW MANY ARE THERE?

1. Nouns
2. Pronouns
3. Verbs
4. Conjunctions
5. Adverbs
6. Adjectives
7. Prepositions
8. Interjections

#1: NOUNS

Definition: a noun is a person, place, thing, or idea

Two main types:

- **Common Nouns** - A noun that does **NOT** name a specific person, place or thing.
 - Ex: dog, boat, doctor
- **Proper Nouns** - A noun that **DOES** name a specific person, place or thing.
 - Ex: Fido, Seadog, Dr. Roz

MORE TYPES OF NOUNS!

- **Collective Nouns** - refer to a group of something (ex. – a *gaggle* of geese; a *crowd* of fans)
- **Concrete Nouns** - tangible nouns that can be detected with the five senses (ex. – a juicy cheeseburger)
- **Abstract Nouns** - idea nouns that refer to concepts that cannot be seen, touched, smelled, or tasted (ex. – power; betrayal)

#2: PRONOUNS

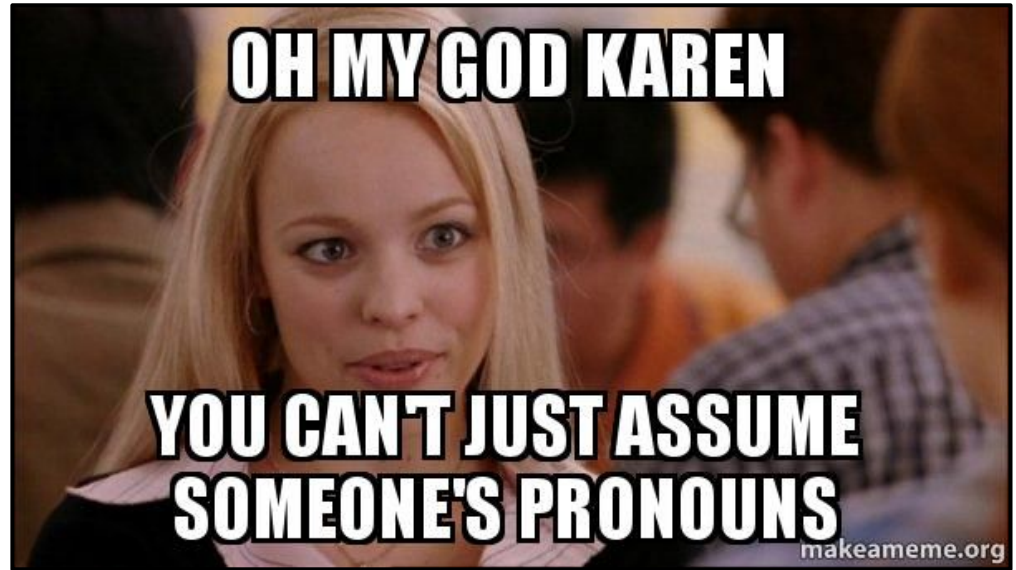
Definition: A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a **noun**.

1st: I, me, mine

2nd: you, yours, yourself

3rd: he, she, they, it

There are many different categories of pronouns.



TYPES OF PRONOUNS & A FEW EXAMPLES

- **Demonstrative Pronouns** - indicate something **specific**
 - this, that, these, those
- **Indefinite Pronouns** - used for **non-specific** things
 - all, some, several, one, either, none
- **Interrogative Pronouns** - used in questions
 - who, which, what, where, how
- **Personal Pronouns** - replace nouns representing people
 - we, I, they, you, he, she

MORE TYPES OF PRONOUNS!

- **Possessive Pronouns** - used to show ownership
 - his, her, its, our, their, mine
- **Reciprocal Pronouns** - used for actions that are reciprocated
 - one another, each other
- **Reflexive Pronouns** - ends in –self or –selves
 - myself, yourself, himself, herself, ourselves, themselves
- **Intensive Pronouns** - emphasizes a noun or pronoun to show it is what's carrying out the action
 - She cleaned her room all by **herself**

#3: VERBS

- **Action Verbs** - show physical or mental action being performed by the subject
 - Ex: **run**
- **Linking Verbs** - a word that links the subject with its predicate
 - Ex: They **are** cold.
 - Forms of to be: am, is, are, was, were, will be, was being, has been
- **Helping Verbs** - help the main verb
 - Ex: **will** gobble

#4: CONJUNCTIONS

Definition: a word that joins words or word groups together

1. Coordinating (FANBOYS)
2. Correlative (not only / but also; either / or)
3. Subordinating (because, although, if)
4. Conjunctive adverbs (therefore, however)

F - for

A - and

N - nor

B - but

O - or

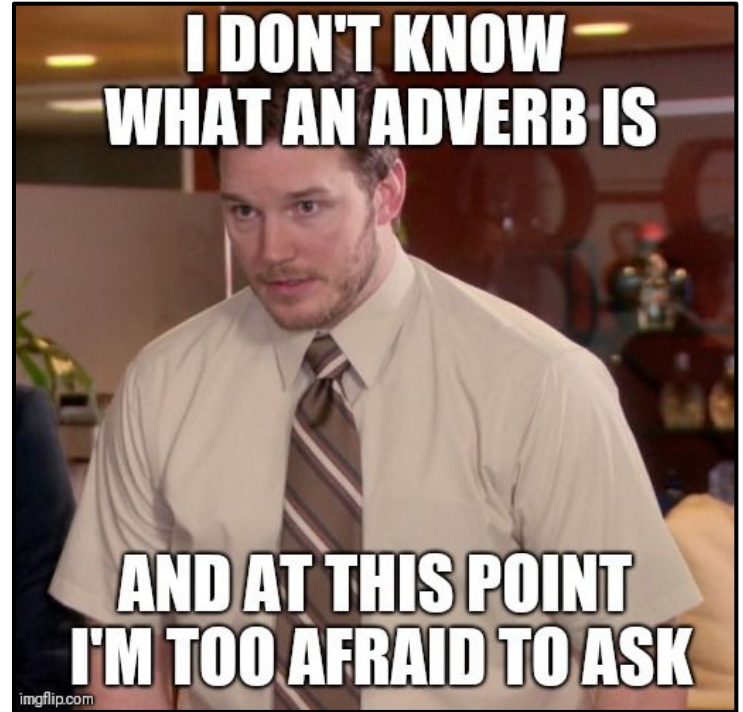
Y - yet

S - so



#5: ADVERBS

- Describes a verb, adjective, or another adverb
- Can tell how much, how often, when, and where something is done
- Often ends in “-ly”
- Examples: **very, always, never, not, slowly**



#6: ADJECTIVES

Definition: a word that describes a **noun** or **pronoun**; tells what kind, how many, or which one



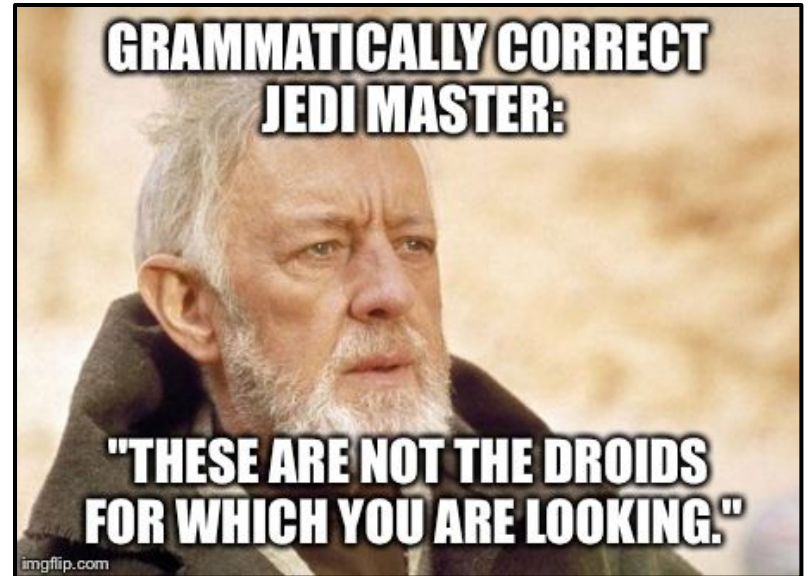
PRETEND YOU ARE HOLDING
THIS STACK OF POST-ITS IN
YOUR HAND. DESCRIBE IT -
USING ADJECTIVES!

#7: PREPOSITION

Definition: a word that shows position or direction.

Ex: above, around, at, before, behind, below, between, by, down, from, in, of, off, on, toward, under, and with

Shows the relationship between a **noun** or a **pronoun** and some other word or element in the rest of the sentence.



PREPOSITIONS BEGIN PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

preposition + object of the preposition

for you; **to** town; **in** May; **under** there; **with** her

Sometimes an adjective or pronoun intercedes between the preposition and object.

for my mom; **to the car**; **in her locker**; **with her bag**

#8: INTERJECTION

Definition: an abrupt remark, made especially as an aside or interruption; expresses strong emotions or feelings

- Can be followed by a comma or an exclamation point.
 - **Well**, at least you tried.
 - **Rats!** He stole my credit card.

PRACTICE EXERCISE

PART OF SPEECH

noun

pronoun

adjective

adverb

preposition

verb

conjunction

interjection

EXAMPLE

your

holy cow!

fungus

through

tasty

carefully

give

but