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Quick and Handy Grammar Review Articles:

The basic form in English is the *word*. It is very important to find out as much as you can about the word when you learn a new one. One important fact is the word's *part of speech*. From the part of speech, you will find out how the word functions or works. In English there are eight parts of speech: verb, noun, adverb, adjective, pronoun, article, preposition, and conjunction.

Verb:

A verb provides a great deal of information. It tells **tense** (time: present, past, future; tense: simple, progressive, perfect, perfect progressive), **voice** (active/passive/imperative) and **number** (singular/plural). There are also auxiliary or helping verbs.

1. Action I ate delicious tacos in a Mexican restaurant. The thief ran away from the security guard.

2. State of being Dr. Jackson is a general practitioner.

Ms. Rodriguez was the best teacher in my middle school.

3. Passive voice Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968.

Jay-Z was born in Brooklyn in 1969.

4. *Imperative* **Don't hang** up! **Stay** on the phone. **Listen** to me. 5. *Auxiliary* Vidhi's boyfriend **is** baking a cake for her birthday party.

Noun:

A noun is a person, place, or thing. It is also a concept, a mood, or an attitude.

Function: A noun is a **subject** or an **object**. As the subject, it usually goes near the beginning of the sentence, just before the verb. As the object, it comes after a verb or a preposition. The noun may be compound (police officer), common (rice), collective (the team), or proper (Eliza).

- 1. Paolo is from Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2. Wine is more expensive than beer.
- 3. The **navy** lost the important **battle**.
- 4. **Jealousy** is not a sign of love.
- 5. My sister is a fantastic cook.
- 6. The workbook is on the table.

Adverb:

2. Place

An adverb usually goes right after the verb. Many adverbs end in <u>ly</u>.

Function: An adverb modifies a verb. It may also modify another adverb or an adjective. Adverbs usually answer questions: 1) Time (when?) 2) Manner (how?) 3) Place (where?) 4-5) Degree (how much?) 6) Frequency (how often?). Note, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and now are adverbs. So are here and there. There are also adverbs of frequency (always, usually, often, sometimes, occasionally, rarely, seldom, never).

1. *Time* 1.a. Kerry left **immediately** after the speech.

1.b. Nancy's sister is living in Philadelphia **now.**

2.a. My aunt lives **here** in this beautiful house.

2.b. Michael is **there** in the black sports car.

3. *Manner* 3.a. Maria dances well.

3.b. The romantic singer whispers **softly**.

4. Frequency 4.a. Jonathan **sometimes** calls his ex-girlfriend at four o'clock in the morning.

4.b Hanna **always** eats popcorn at the movies.

5. Describing an adjective 5.a. Harry has **very** big feet.

5.b. Amy is incredibly lucky.

6. Describing an adverb 6.a. Mariza speaks very fast when she is angry.

6.b Nestor walked **extremely** slowly out of the class.







Adjective:

Adjectives are colorful words that we use to tell about a person, place, thing, or experience. When you use clear adjectives, people can get a picture of the noun you are describing.

Function: An adjective describes a noun or a pronoun and is usually placed right before the noun. It may go after a **be** verb. Possessives that go before a noun are adjectives. Numbers are adjectives.

- 1. The **long** movie was **interesting**.
- 2. Kristine has brown hair.
- 3. The **Mexican** quartet played **excellent** music.
- 4. The **hungry** soldier ate **four** slices of pizza.
- 5. The **old** sailor told a **crazy** story about **gigantic** whales.
- 6. **His** dog is **brown** and **white**.

Pronoun:

A pronoun stands for a noun. It may *refer* to a noun previously mentioned. For example: *Johann* gave the *novel* to his *mother* may be said: *He* gave *it* to *her*. The antecedent of *He* is *Johann*. The antecedent of *it* is *the novel*. And the antecedent of *her* is *his mother*.

Function: A pronoun may be a subject, an object, a possessive, or a relative pronoun.

Subject 1.a. **He** is a butcher.

1.b. They are in an internet café.

Object 2.a. Arnold saw her yesterday in the cafeteria.

2.b. Mark talked to **them** about the homework assignment.

Possessive 3a. The basketball is **his.**

3b. The laptop on the table is **mine.**

Relative 4.a. I hate people **who** lie.

4.b. The woman **whose** brother works at the bar is my friend.

Article:

There are only three articles in English: a, an, and the. **Definite** (the) or **indefinite** (a, an) [a before a consonant sound and an before a vowel sound] articles are placed before a noun.

- 1. The cowboy boots cost \$150.
- 2. I always drink a cup of coffee at ten o'clock in the morning.
- 3. Arnold bought an ugly jacket vesterday.
- 4. Isabel Fonseca is **an** honest woman.

[honest begins with a consonant (h), but the h is silent, so the article is an]

Preposition:

A preposition is a linking word. It is used with verbs (two-word verbs) in many idiomatic expressions. *Function:* Prepositions usually indicate direction or position. They are used in phrases (a prepositional phrase = preposition [+article] + noun).

- 1. The referee walked **away** from the argument **between** the two players.
- 2. My father lives in Algeria in the winter and in Illinois in the summer.
- 3. Natalia works in the morning.

Conjunction:

Function: A conjunctions joins phrases or clauses. You should use and to add information, but, yet, although, and though for contrast, and so, because, and since for result.

- 1. Peter lives in Paramus and works in Ridgefield Park.
- 2. Ivan is very sharp, **but** he is sometimes lazy.
- 3. My father always wanted a dog, yet he never takes it for a walk.
- 4. **Although** she loves Paquito a lot, she doesn't want to marry him.







Parts of speech and their functions review and analysis chart:

Part of Speech	Form (Endings)	Function	Position in the sentence	Notes
Article the a an		Definite (the) and indefinite (a, an)	Placed before a noun (a teacher) or before an adjective + noun (the big house)	A before consonant sounds; (a union, a bird) an before vowel sounds (an honest man, an ugly cat)
Preposition for about up between to across out in at on from ed ing en gress fy ate ize mit for about up between to across out in at on from Indicates position or direction Indicates position or direction 1. Action 2. State of being 3. General Fact		May begin a sentence, follow a verb, or come at the end of a sentence	Often introduces a prepositional phrase (Prep. + Art. + Noun) (i.e. in the bathroom)	
		1. After the subject in a normal (declarative) sentence 2. Inverted order in a question (interrogative sentence) [verb first, subject second] - (i.e. Are you hungry?)	A verb shows: - tense (past, present, future) (simple, perfect, progressive, perfect prog.) - voice (mood) - active - passive - imperative - number (sing./plural)	
Noun	ity ide ude er ant tion logy or ess	 Subject Object of verb of preposition 	1. Subject : At the beginning of the sentence, before the verb (The singer finished the beautiful song.) 2. Object : After the verb or preposition (The teacher <i>called</i> John . Johann works <i>in a</i> bank).	- Person, place, or thing - Count or non-count nouns [desk, ear, sugar, water] - Abstract nouns [love, humility, honesty] - Compound nouns [firefighter, flight attendant] - Collective nouns [navy, team, gang]
Adverb	ly (also very, too, and so) Adverbs answer the questions how? when? where? how often?	Modifies: 1. a verb 2. an adjective (Bob is so big). 3. an adverb (Ted left too late)	 After a verb (Han Min drives safely) Before an adjective (Olga is very sick) Before another adverb (Nikita ran very fast) 	Adverbs of frequency (always, usually, often, sometimes, seldom, rarely, never), usually go before the verb. Yesterday, today, now, tomorrow, not, there, and here. are also adverbs
Conjunction	and but so for yet because since although though	transition word to another clause, phrase or word	Usually placed at the end of one clause and before the subject of the next clause	When there are five words before and , but so , and yet , place a comma before the word. Otherwise, the comma is optional







noun article pronoun adjective conjunction verb adverb preposition

Exercise 1:

Place the correct word in the blank space and indicate its part of speech.

1.	Modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb
2.	A person, place, thing, or idea
3.	Shows action or classification
4.	Modifies person, place, thing, or idea
5.	Used before a noun; it may be definite or indefinite
6.	Connects or joins two phrases or clauses in a sentence -
7.	Replaces a noun; may be a subject, an object, a possessive, or a relative
8.	This word indicates position or direction; it is often used in a phrase



Exercise 2:

Insert a word in the blank, and indicate its part of speech.

1.	The	student walked	out of the classroom.
2.	The happy	yelled at the	soccer player.
3.	The banker wor	e a suit.	
4.	In	morning, my friends _	around the block four times.
5.	It was raining, _	we didn't	go to the
6.		black dog	_ with his owner.
7.	Jenny was	late, so she	all the way from the bus stop the office.
8.	Maya loves	eat pizza,	,hamburgers.
9.	My	brother	twoevery afternoon.
10	. Carol loves Car	l, but doe	esn't love



Exercise 3:

Insert a word in the blank, and indicate its part of speech.

1.	The was so heavy that school cancelled.
2.	bag on the table is
3.	Jenny is the girl in the class.
4.	Oscar tried to to the teacher, she had to leave right away for another class.
5.	I can't believe you had slices of pie must be full now.
6.	it was raining, we didn't go the park.
7.	You have a mouth. You really can't keep a
8.	John is rich cheap, no one invites him to dinner.
9.	Henrietta drinks coffee, but often drinks tea.
10	Maria was six years old, she ride a bicycle.





Exercise 4:

Identify all the words in the following sentences.

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

The lazy man slept in the afternoon, and he was very tired at night.

1. The	2. lazy
a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective
3. man	4. slept
a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun
5. in	6. afternoon
a. article b. preposition c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. adverb
7. and	8. he
a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun
9. very	10. tired

A red car is dangerous for policemen, but it is incredibly beautiful.

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

11. A	12. red
a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective
13. car	14. is
a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun
15. dangerous	16. for
a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun	a. preposition b. noun c. verb d. adverb
17. policemen	18. but
a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. noun c. verb d. conjunction
19. it	20. incredibly
a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun	a. article b. adjective c. adverb d. pronoun
21. beautiful	
a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun	





The slim dancer stopped for a cup of coffee in the crowded diner.

22. The 23. slim

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

24. dancer 25. stopped

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

26. **for** 27. **a**

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. preposition a. preposition b. article c. verb d. adverb

28. cup 29. of

a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. preposition d. conjunction

30. coffee 31. crowded

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

32. diner

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. noun

In the summer, the happy children play enthusiastically before they eat their dinner.

33. In 34. the

a. article b. preposition c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

35. summer 36. happy

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

37. children 38. play

a. article b. adjective c. noun d. preposition a. preposition b. article c. verb d. adverb

39. enthusiastically 40. they

a. conjunction b. adverb c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. pronoun c. preposition d. conjunction

41. eat 42. their

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

The thief stole my bicycle, so I walked to John's house.

43. thief 44. stole

a. article b. preposition c. verb d. noun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

45. **my** 46. **so**

a. article b. noun c. adjective d. pronoun a. article b. conjunction c. verb d. adjective

47. I 48. walked

a. article b. adjective c. pronoun d. preposition a. preposition b. article c. verb d. adverb

49. **John's** 50. **house**

a. adjective b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. preposition d. conjunction







Exercise 5:

1. **The**

Identify all the words in the following sentences.

The cute puppy rested on the couch, and it was very energetic in the afternoon.

2. cute

a. article d. pronoun b. noun d. adjective b. noun a. article c. verb c. verb 3. puppy 4. rested a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun 5. **on** 6. couch a. article b. preposition c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adverb

7. and 8. it

a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb

a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

9. very

10. energetic

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

The black cat ran quickly down the street, but the dog found it immediately.

16. down

11. **The** 12. **black**

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

13. cat 14. ran

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

a. article b. adverb c. verb d. pronoun a. preposition b. noun c. verb d. adverb

17. street

18. but

a. conjunction b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. conjunction

19. dog 20. found

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

21. immediately

d. pronoun



a. article

b. adjective

c. adverb

15. quickly





The very tall teacher talked to her old friend on her new cellphone.

22. The 23. very

a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. adjective

24. tall 25. teacher

a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective a. article b. noun c. verb d. pronoun

26. talked 27. her

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. preposition a. pronoun b. article c. adjective d. adverb

28. **old** 29. **friend**

a. conjunction b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. preposition d. conjunction

30. **on** 31. **new**

a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. preposition a. article b. adjective c. verb d. pronoun

32. cellphone

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. noun

Yesterday, the secretive students whispered softly during the difficult examination.

33. Yesterday 34. the

a. article b. preposition c. adverb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

35. secretive 36. students

a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

37. whispered 38. softly

a. article b. adjective c. noun d. verb a. preposition b. article c. adverb d. verb

39. during 40. difficult

a. conjunction b. adverb c. verb d. preposition a. adverb b. noun c. verb d. adjective

41. examination

a. article b. adjective c. verb d. noun

He lives here, in this incredibly ugly house.

42. **He** 43. **lives**

a. article b. preposition c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. verb d. adjective

44. here 45. in

a. adverb b. noun c. adjective d. pronoun a. article b. conjunction c. verb d. preposition

46. this 47. incredibly

a. article b. adjective c. pronoun d. preposition a. preposition b. article c. verb d. adverb

48. ugly 49. house

a. adjective b. adverb c. verb d. pronoun a. article b. noun c. preposition d. conjunction







Exercise 6:

Identify the adjectives in the sentences.

1.	My hand was frozen because of the cold weather.					
2.	The long examination took four hours to complete.					
3.	The words are easy to understand but difficult to spell.					
4.	The chicken was overcooked, dry, and tasteless.					
5.	My older sister lives in a beautiful new house.					
	Exercise 7: Identify the nouns in the sentences.					
1.	The suntanned lifeguard sat on the high chair in the sand.					
2.	Give me the hammer and the nails. I will fix the broken chair.					
3.	The words in this passage are simple, but the questions are hard.					
4.	Sam burned the hamburgers and hot dogs, but the potatoes were good.					
5.	My mother and her sister live on the same street.					



Exercise 8:

Identify the verbs in the sentences.

1.	Sit down and be quiet. I am reading a book.	
2.	Barbara woke up early, took a shower, made breakfast, and left the house at 9:00.	_
3.	While I was driving to school, I saw my old teacher.	
4.	Samantha hurried home to call her friend and tell her the good news.	
5.	Right now Marta is sitting at her desk and studying for her math exam.	_
	Exercise 9: Identify the adverbs in the sentences.	
	1. She walked very slowly down the street.	
	2. Brenda felt incredibly lucky to meet the very famous singer.	
	3. I live here, not there. Didn't you see the house yesterday?	
	4. Nicky is coming now. He will not be very late for the party.	
	5. Mario speaks softly, but his eyes are intensely bright.	





Answer Key

Exercise 1: Place the correct word in the blank space and indicate its part of speech.

1. adverb2. noun3. verb4. adjective5. article6. conjunction7. pronoun8. preposition

Exercise 2: Insert a word in the blank, and indicate its part of speech.

worried - adjective, quickly - adverb
 fans - noun, tired - adjective
 dark - adjective
 to - preposition, chicken - noun, and - conjunction
 the - article, walk - verb
 to - preposition, chicken - noun, and - conjunction
 the - adjective, watches - verb, programs - noun
 he - pronoun, her - pronoun

Exercise 3: Insert a word in the blank, and indicate its part of speech.

snow - noun, was - verb
 the - article, mine - pronoun
 tallest - adjective, whole - adjective
 talk - verb, but - conjugation
 three - adjective, you - pronoun
 because - conjugation, to - preposition
 big - adjective, secret - adjective
 but - conjugation, so - conjugation
 never - adverb, she - pronoun
 when - conjugation, could - verb

Exercise 4: Identify all the words in the following sentences.

1. a	2. d	3. b	4. c	5. b	6. b	7. a
8. d	9. a	10. b	11. a	12. d	13. b	14. c
15. b	16. a	17. b	18. d	19. d	20. c	21. b
22. a	23. d	24. b	25. c	26. d	27. b	28. b
29. c	30. b	31. b	32. d	33. b	34. a	35. b
36. d	37. c	38. c	39. b	40. b	41. c	42. d
43. d	44. c	45. a	46. b	47. c	48. c	49. b
50 b						

Exercise 5: Identify all the words in the following sentences.

1. a	2. d	3. b	4. c	5. b	6. b	7. a
8. d	9. a	10. b	11. a	12. d	13. b	14. c
15. c	16. a	17. b	18. d	19. b	20. c	21. c
22. a	23. a	24. d	25. b	26. c	27. a	28. b
29. b	30. d	31. b	32. d	33. c	34. a	35. d
36. b	37. d	38. c	39. d	40. d	41. d	42. d
43. c	44. a	45. d	46. b	47. d	48. a	49. b

Exercise 6: *Identify the adjectives in the sentences..*

1. my, frozen, cold 2. long, four 3. easy, difficult 4. overcooked, dry, tasteless 5. my, older, beautiful, new

Exercise 7: Identify the nouns in the sentences..

1. lifeguard, chair, sand 2. hammer, nails, chair 3. words, passage, questions 4. hamburbers, hot dogs, potatoes 5. mother, sister, street

Exercise 8: Identify the verbs in the sentences.

1. sit, be, am reading 2. woke, took, made, left 3. was driving, saw 4. hurried, to call, tell 5. is sitting, studying

Exercise 9: Identify the adverbs in the sentences.

1. very, slowly 2. incredibly, very 3. here, there, yesterday 4. now, very 5. softly, intensely

