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Words as Different Parts of Speech

• Practice 1

Words as Different Parts of Speech The way a word is used in a sentence determines what part of speech it is.

DIFFERENT USES OF A WORD	
As a noun:	The campers built a small <i>fire</i> .
As a verb:	Managers may <i>fire</i> poor workers.
As an adjective:	<i>Slaughterhouse-Five</i> describes a <i>fire</i> storm in Dresden.

Exercise 1 **Identifying Parts of Speech.** On each blank at the right, write the part of speech of each underlined word.

EXAMPLES: Before breakfast, I brushed my teeth. preposition
 Before she came, she phoned. conjunction

1. My older brother always drives too fast. _____
2. She lost three pounds during her fast. _____
3. Trucks are not allowed to use the fast lane. _____
4. Show the group your new cassette deck. _____
5. Our agency only handles group sales. _____
6. Before beginning, group all the ingredients together. _____
7. Since this morning, she hasn't felt well. _____
8. Since I bought the car, I have had nothing but trouble. _____
9. The inside of the jewel box is velvet. _____
10. The inside lane is much faster. _____

Exercise 2 **Using Words as Different Parts of Speech.** Construct sentences of your own using the following words as indicated.

EXAMPLES: Use *storm* as a noun. A sudden storm struck.
 Use *storm* as a verb. "Storm the trenches," the major cried.

1. Use *light* as an adjective. _____
2. Use *light* as a verb. _____
3. Use *file* as an adjective. _____
4. Use *file* as a verb. _____
5. Use *file* as a noun. _____
6. Use *after* as a preposition. _____
7. Use *after* as a conjunction. _____
8. Use *low* as an adjective. _____
9. Use *low* as an adverb. _____
10. Use *storm* as an adjective. _____