

Parts of Speech – Verbs

- Almost all words have a “part of speech”. Which part of speech a word has depends on how it is used in a sentence. Here is a list of the eight parts of speech:

Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Conjunction Preposition Pronoun Interjection

Verb: A verb is a word used to express an action or a state of being. A verb may be more than one word (when it includes helping verbs or auxiliaries). This is called a verb phrase.

Example: The woman painted a picture.

In this example, the word “*painted*” is a verb because it expresses action.

Example: The woman is a fine painter.

In this example, the word “*is*” is a verb because it expresses a state of being.



Example: They should not be feeding the lions.

In this example, the words “*should not be feeding*” are a verb phrase because they include helping verbs or auxiliaries.

Directions: Underline the verbs (or verb phrases) in the following sentences.

- 1) The dog runs and jumps.
- 2) We are studying biology.
- 3) The tennis player is going to hit the ball.
- 4) We like to sing, dance, and play.
- 5) I do not know if I should go to the party tonight.
- 6) The first car couldn't have avoided hitting the second car.
- 7) Hmmm, right now I am thinking about thinking!

Directions: Now make your own sentences that use verbs.

1) _____

2) _____