

Eight Parts of Speech

Nouns

A noun names a person, place or thing. It answers the questions “Who?” or “What?”

*Vang and his **brother** moved to San Jose last weekend.*

Pronouns

A pronoun replaces and refers to a noun.

***They** moved from Redding, **which** is a city 100 miles north of Sacramento.*

Adjectives

An adjective describes a noun or pronoun. It expresses *which one(s)*, *what kind*, or *how many*.

***Their new** apartment is **expensive**.*

Verbs

A verb expresses action (what the subject *does*) or being (what the subject *is*). A complete verb includes the main verb and all its helpers or modals.

*Vang **is** glad they **have found** jobs with the same computer company and **can share** transportation.*

Adverbs

An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs express *where*, *when*, *how*, *why*, and *to what extent or degree*.

***Sometimes** they'll ride their bikes to work if it's **not too** hot **outside**.*

Prepositions

A preposition is the first word of a phrase that expresses something about *time*, *place*, or *direction*.

*They usually drive **in** the morning **to** their workplace **near** the freeway.*

Conjunctions

Conjunctions join words, phrases, or clauses.

*Both Vang **and** his brother cook, either in the kitchen **or** on the deck outside.*

*Vang likes to make pizza, **but** his brother prefers to barbecue.*

Interjections

Interjections interrupt or show surprise or another emotion.

***Well**, we hope they will enjoy their new life.*

***Oh!** I think the deck is on fire!*

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