

PARTS OF SPEECH

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WHAT ARE THE SPEECH?

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NOUNS

NOUNS

person

place

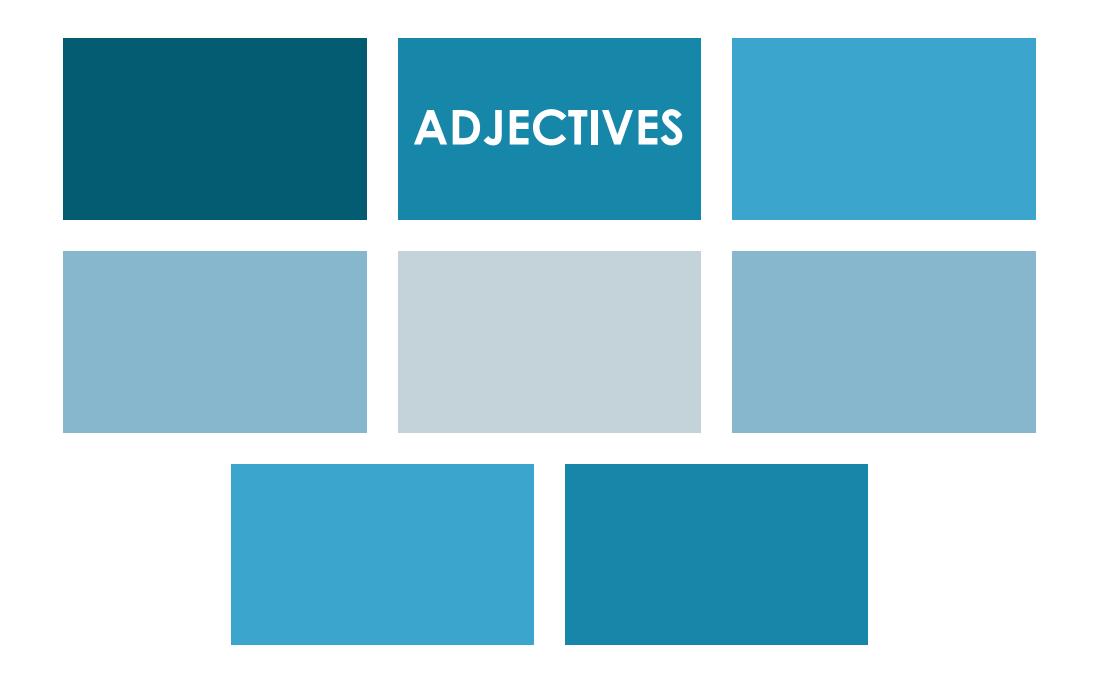
thing

COMMON NOUNS

- generic words for all items in a category
- can be plural or singular
- only capitalized at the beginning of a sentence
- ex. leaves, friends, research

PROPER NOUNS

- specific proper name
- usually singular
 - always
 capitalized
 - ex. Portugal, Sephora





ADJECTIVES

- Describing words
- Modify or describe nouns
 - Restrict or qualify nouns or noun phrases
 - Articles are adjectives

ARTICLES

definite

indefinite

definite article

Singular – "the" ex. "May the Force be with you"

Plural – "the" ex. "Round up the usual suspects"

Uncountable – "the" ex. "The kindness of strangers"

indefinite article

Singular – "a" ex. "An offer he can't refuse"

Plural – no article ex. "I see dead people"

Uncountable – no article ex. "Absolute power corrupts"

COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

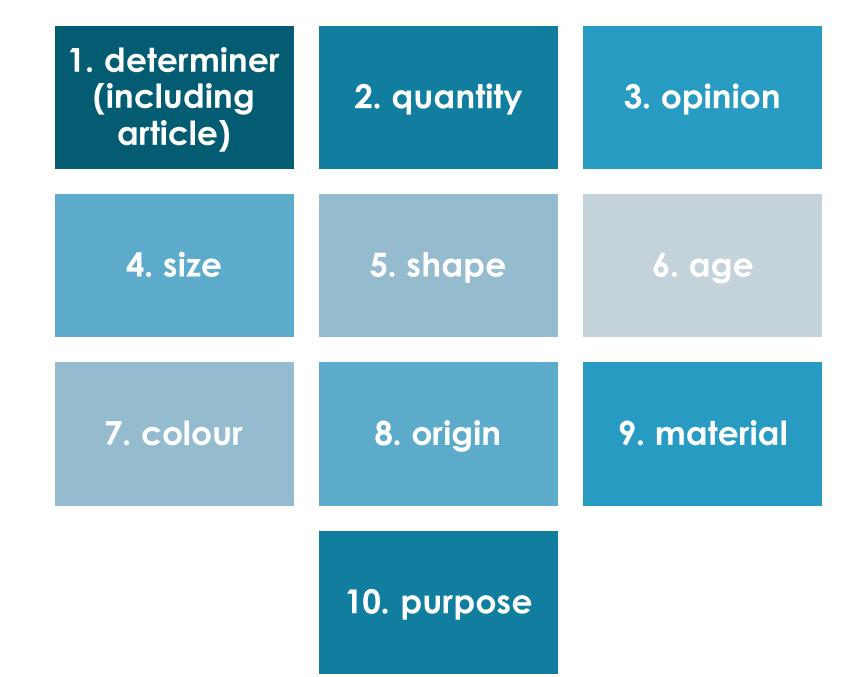
part-time student

long-term memory

five-year study

400-page novel





2. quantity

3. opinion

4. size

5. shape

6. age

/.
colour

8. origin

9. material

two

3. opinion

4. size

5. shape

6. age

/. colour

8. origin

9. material

two

prettiest

4. size

5. shape

6. age

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colour

8. origin

9. material

two

prettiest

large

5. shape

6. age

/. colour

8. origin

9. material

two

prettiest

large

round

6. age

/.
colour

8. origin

y. material

two

prettiest

large

round

old

/. colour

8. origin

y. material

prettiest The two old round large

8. origin green

material

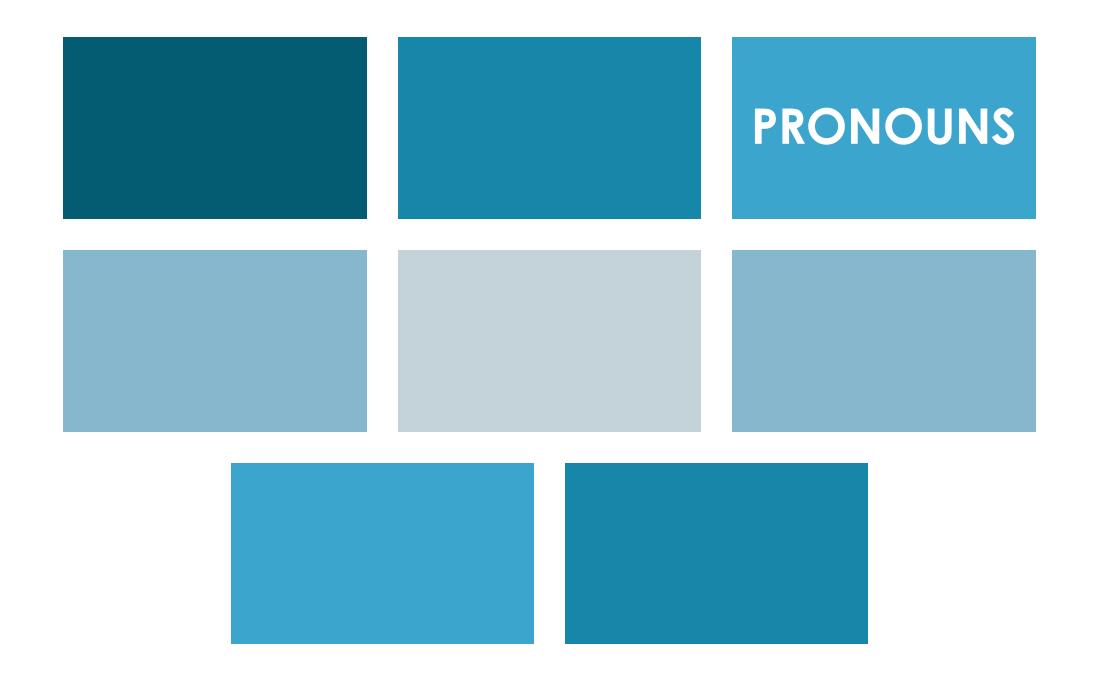
prettiest The two old round large French green material 10.

purpose

prettiest The two old large round French metal green 10. purpose







HELLOMY PRONOUNS ARE

THEY/THEM

PRONOUNS

- Function as nouns
 - Replace or refer to nouns

first-person subject

Singular – "I" "I am writing my dissertation."

Plural – "we" "We are submitting a group paper."

second-person subject

Singular – "You" "You are my best friend."

Plural – "You" "You must all submit papers."

third-person subject

Singular – "He/She/They/It" "She called home."

Singular – "Who" "Who bought that house?"

Plural – "They" "They graduated yesterday."

first-person object

Singular – "me" "Why did you phone me?"

Plural – "us" "They think it's us versus them."

second-person object

Singular – "You" "I miss you."

Plural – "You" "I'll see you (all) tomorrow."

third-person object

Singular – "him/her/them/it" "I don't like him."

Singular – "whom" "With whom did you meet?"

Plural – "them" "I met them at the movies."

POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS v. ADJECTIVES

- Possessive pronouns replace nouns
- Possessive adjectives modify/describe nouns

Possessive Pronouns

mine ours
yours
hers his theirs its
whose

Possessive Adjectives

my our your her his their its whose

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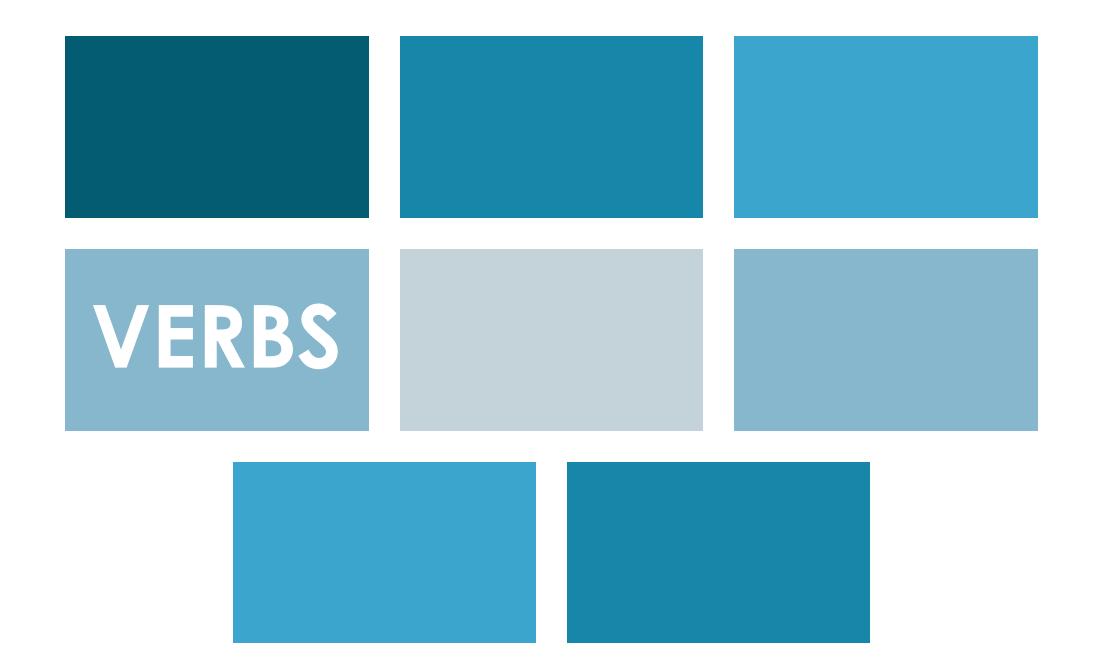
Possessive Pronouns

"That money is mine, not yours or theirs."

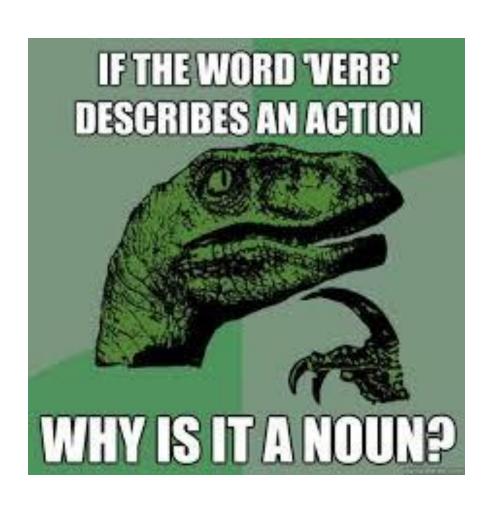
Possessive Adjectives

"My bank account is empty, but your piggy bank is full."

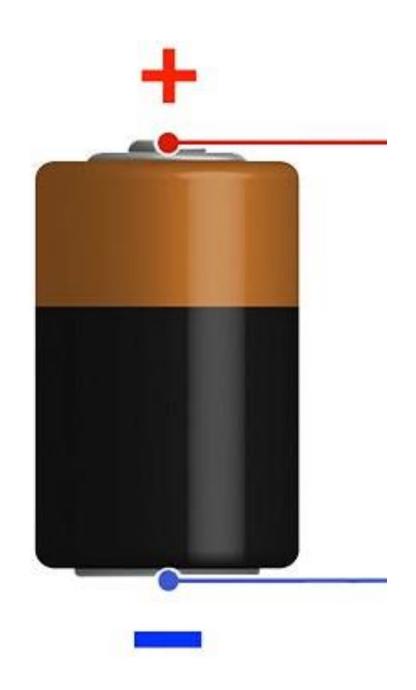




VERBS



- Action words
- Describe an action, an occurrence, or a state of being
 ("I ran." "It happened." "She is exhausted.")



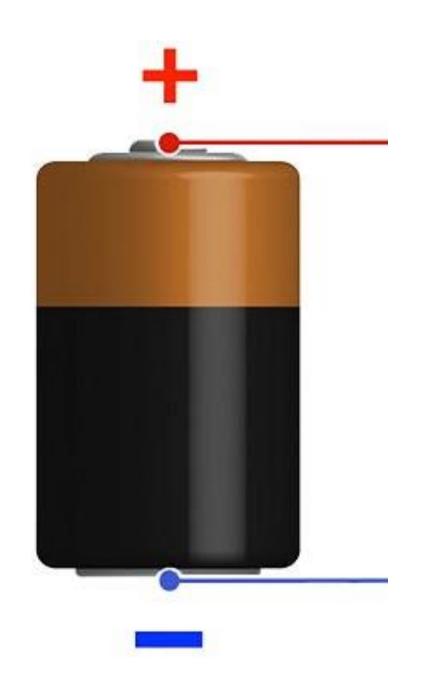
SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

singular noun

My mom walks the dog.

The television keeps breaking.

The canoe floats on the lake.

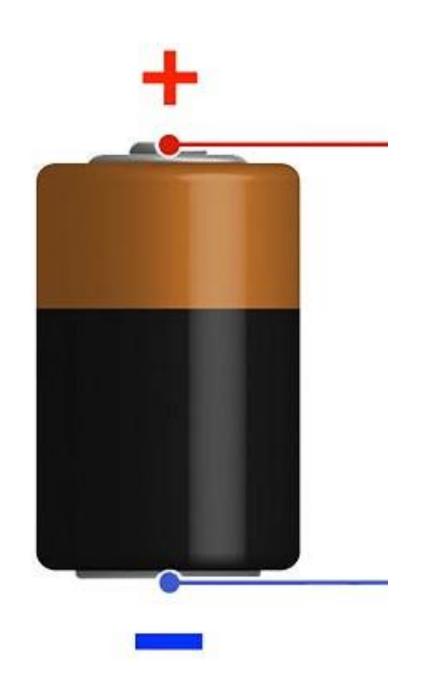


SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT plural noun

My moms walk the dog.

The televisions keep breaking.

The canoes float on the lake.



SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT

with a prepositional phrase

The flowers in the garden are blooming.

*make the subject agree, not the prepositional phrase. subject = flowers

DESCRIBING SINGULAR & PLURAL NOUNS

There is no place like home.



There are vegetables and weeds in my neighbour's yard.



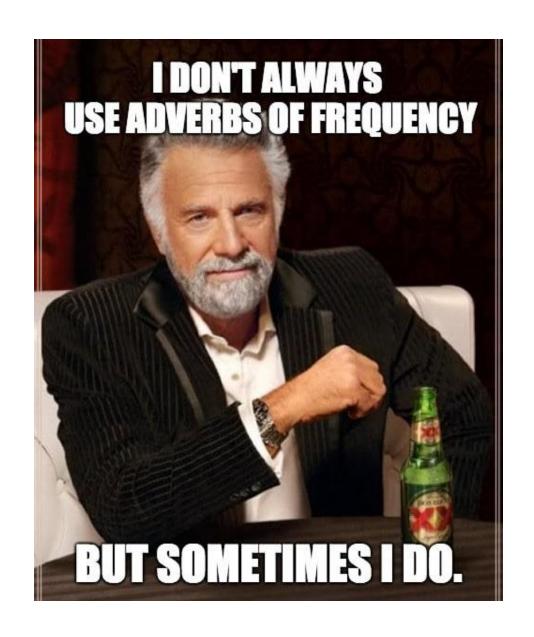
COLLECTIVE NOUNS

The group is arguing about the presentation topic.



*In Britain, the sentence would be "the group are arguing"

ADVERBS



ADVERBS

- Describe verbs
- Describe adjectives
 - Describe other adverbs

ADVERB PLACEMENT

- 1. Firstly, they can go at the beginning of the sentence.
- 2. People often put them before the verb for emphasis.
- 3. They can **likewise** go in between verbs.
- 4. They can be placed immediately after a verb.
- 5. Lastly, they can conclude a sentence definitively.

There are few specific rules to guide this choice, so read the phrase out loud and see what sounds best.

HOW DO THEY IMPACT SYNTAX?

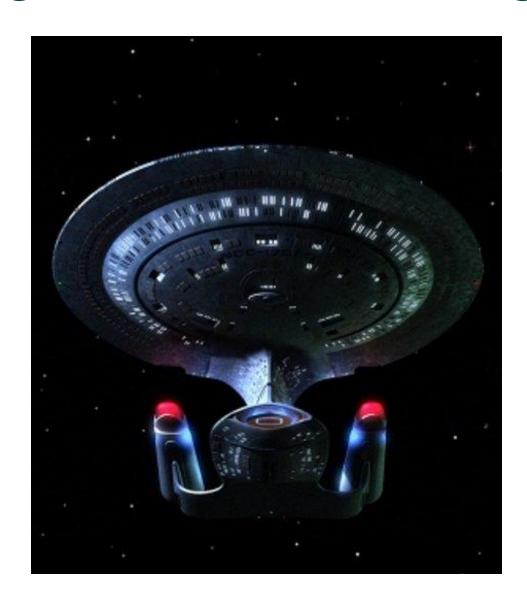
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*restricts which desserts are prepared

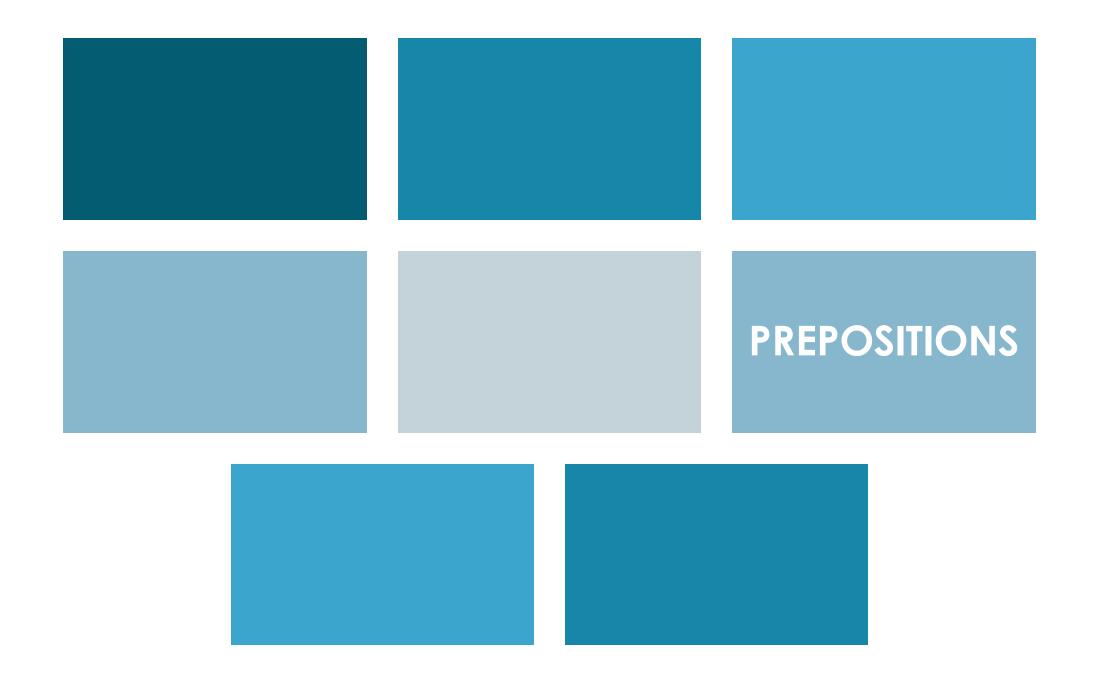
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SPLIT INFINITIVES ARE OKAY!



To boldly go where no one has gone before.



PREPOSITIONS



 Show temporal and spatial relationships between nouns and parts of a sentence

CONFUSING?

I visited China in 2018.

I visited China in March.

I went to Toronto on March 21st.

I went to the mall at 12:00.

I went to the mall in the morning.

I went to the mall <u>at</u> night.

I went to the mall <u>in</u> the evening.

TEMPORAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Before
- Prior to
- In advance of
- Leading up to
- Ahead of
- By

- During
- At that time
- As soon as
- Throughout

- After
- Following
- Since

Before school every morning, I eat breakfast. **During** that time, I check my email. **After**, I brush my teeth and walk **to** school.

SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS

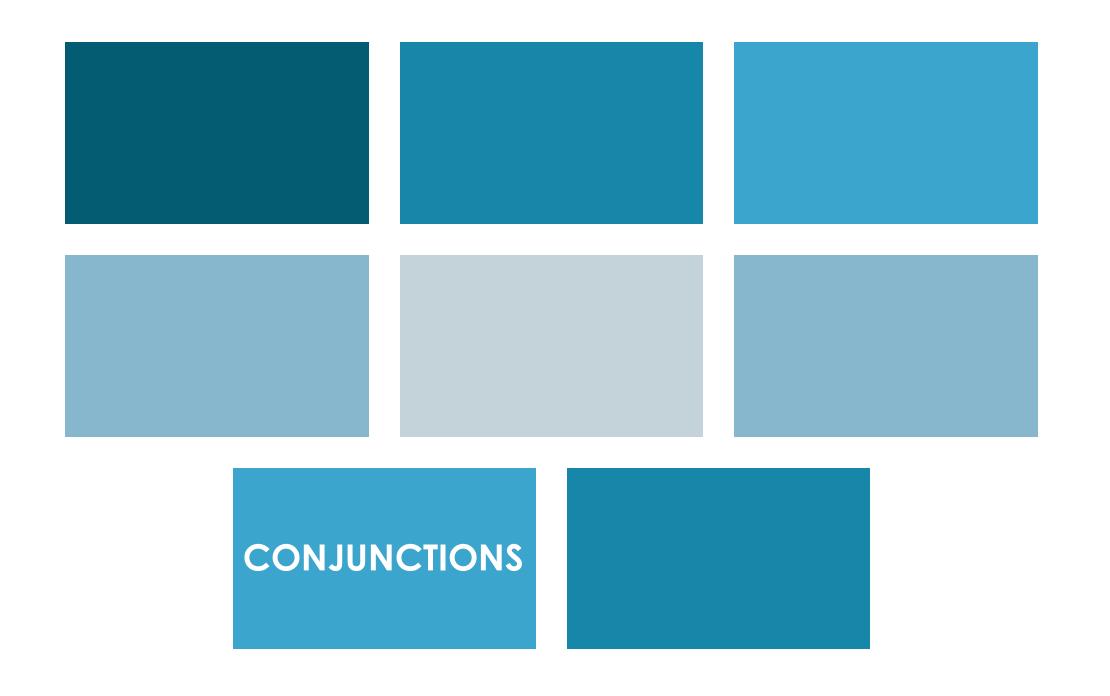
- In
- Within
- · On
- Above
- Behind
- Before

- Without
- Above
- Over
- Beyond
- On top of
- Beside

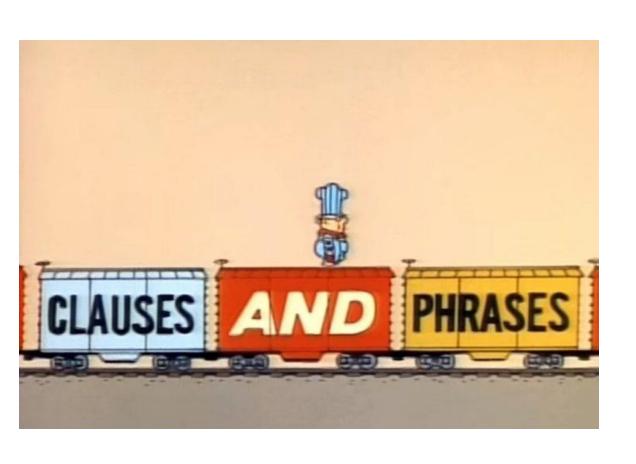
- Alongside
- Adjacent to
- Below
- Under
- Underneath
- Beneath

Sherlock was walking **around** the crime scene when he stepped **on** a piece of evidence. He picked it up, looked **at** it, and then put it **in** his pocket. After turning his thoughts **to** the evidence, he solved the crime.





CONJUNCTIONS



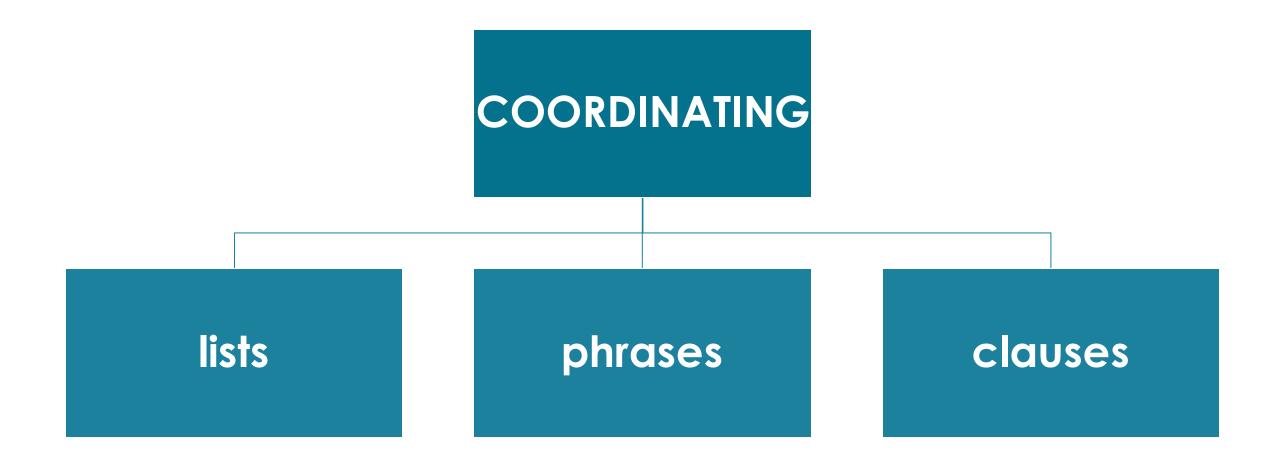
- Link clauses
- Link phrases
 - Link words

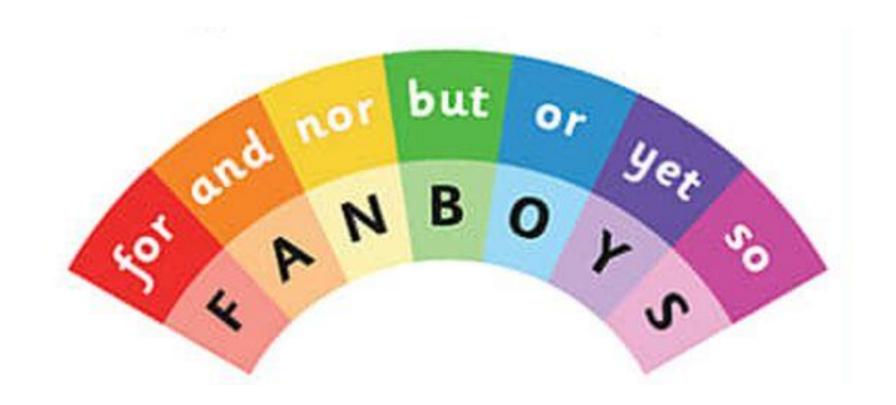
CONJUNCTIONS

coordinating

subordinating

correlating







LISTS

We can play cricket, soccer, ping pong, badminton.



PHRASES

"I'll get you my pretty and your little dog too!"

CLAUSES



I wanted to buy a new car, but I didn't have enough money.

SUBORDINATING

preceding

concluding

PRECEDING



If I miss the bus, I will be late for work.

CONCLUDING



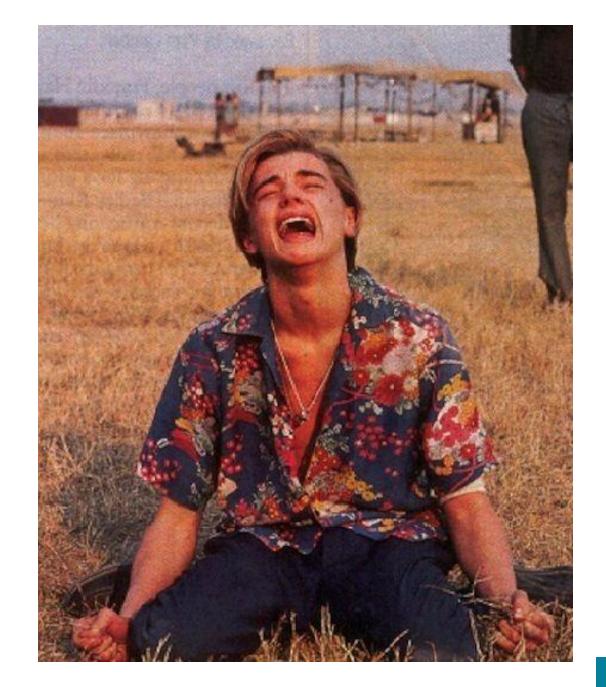
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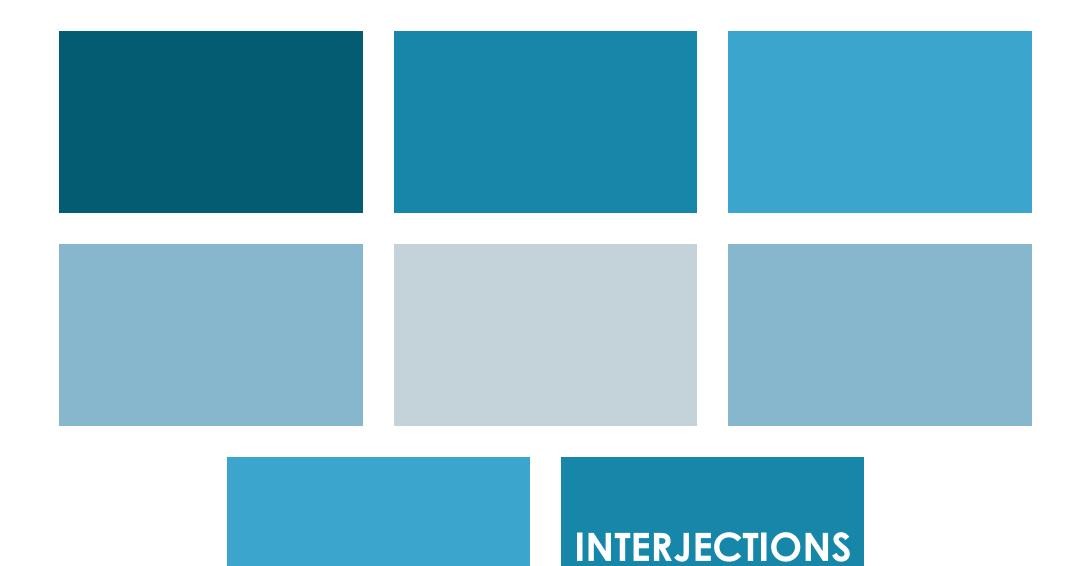
CORRELATING

- Either...or
- Neither...nor
- Whether...or
- Just as...so
- As...as
- No sooner...than

 Link pairs of words and frame them as equally important "Either thou or I, or both, must go with him."

- Romeo





INTERJECTIONS

- · Meh.
- Ah!
- · Phew...
- Humph.
- · Wow!
- Ewww...

·Oh?

•Awww...

· YES!

Eureka!

·No?

\$#@%&!!!!

Single words that convey an emotive response



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QUESTIONS?

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