

Linguistic levels of structure

Sound



Phoneme

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Morpheme

These beauti-ful women said we were true men

Word

These beautiful women said we were true men

Phrase

These beautiful women said: "We were true men."

Clause

C(These beautiful women said: "C(We were true men.)")

Sentence

These beautiful women said: "We were true men."

Meaning

?

Word inflection

- What is it?
 - The modification of a word to **express different grammatical categories** such as *tense, mood, voice, aspect, person, number, gender* and *case*
 - The inflection of *verbs* is also called **conjugation**
 - The inflection of *nouns, adjectives* and *pronouns* is also called **declension**
 - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inflection>
- English is an **inflected** language

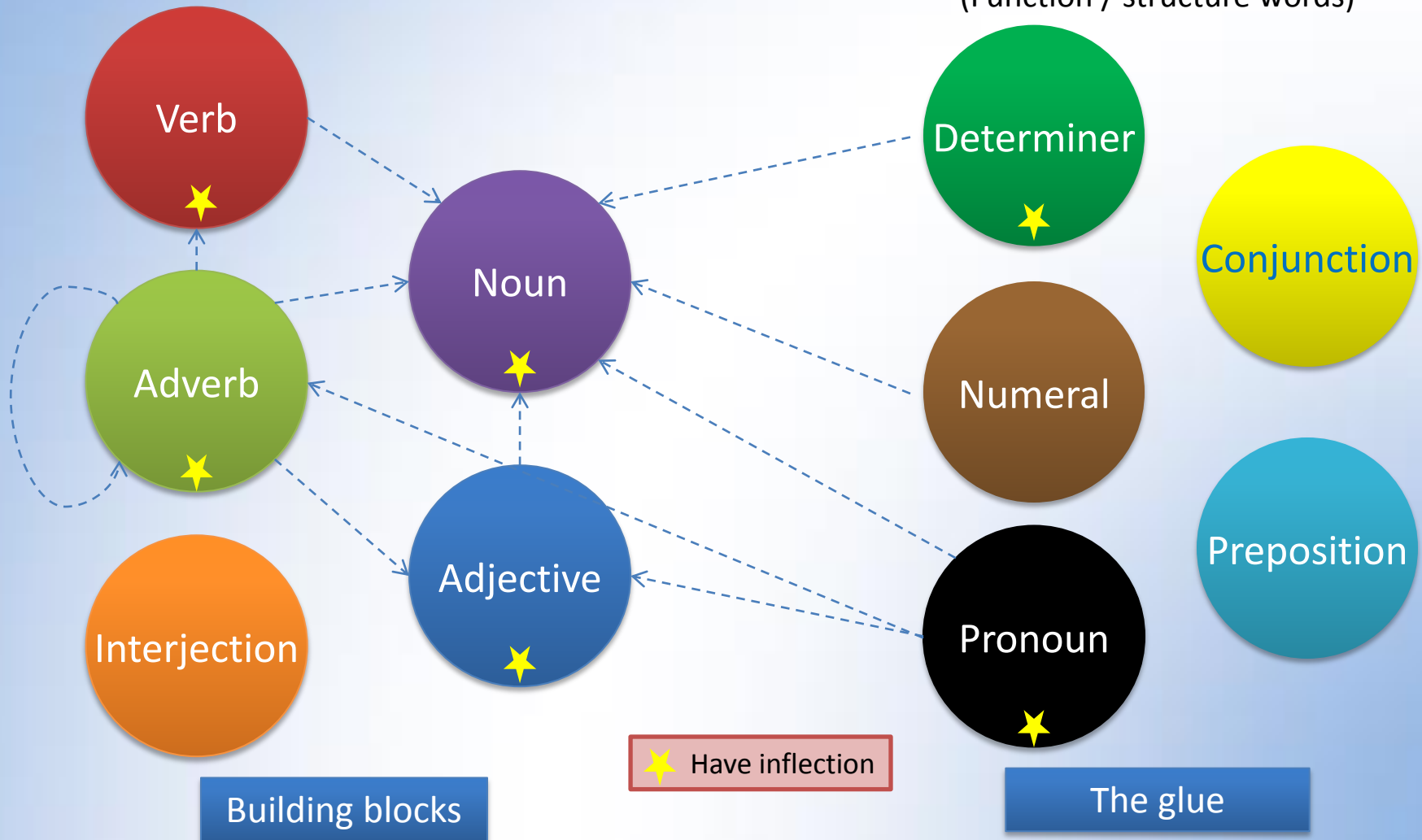
Word classes & inflection

Open class

(content / lexical / autosemantic words)

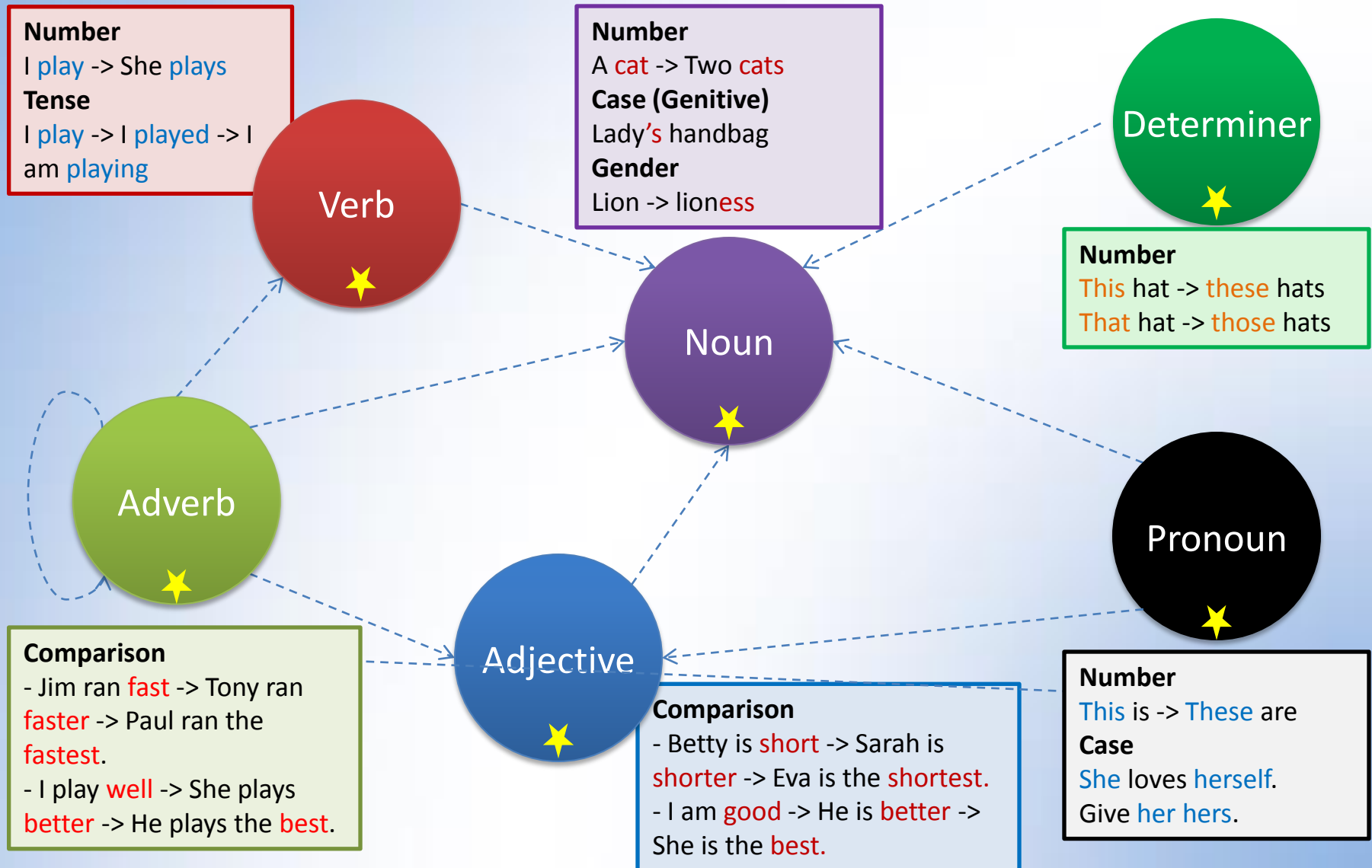
Closed class

(Function / structure words)

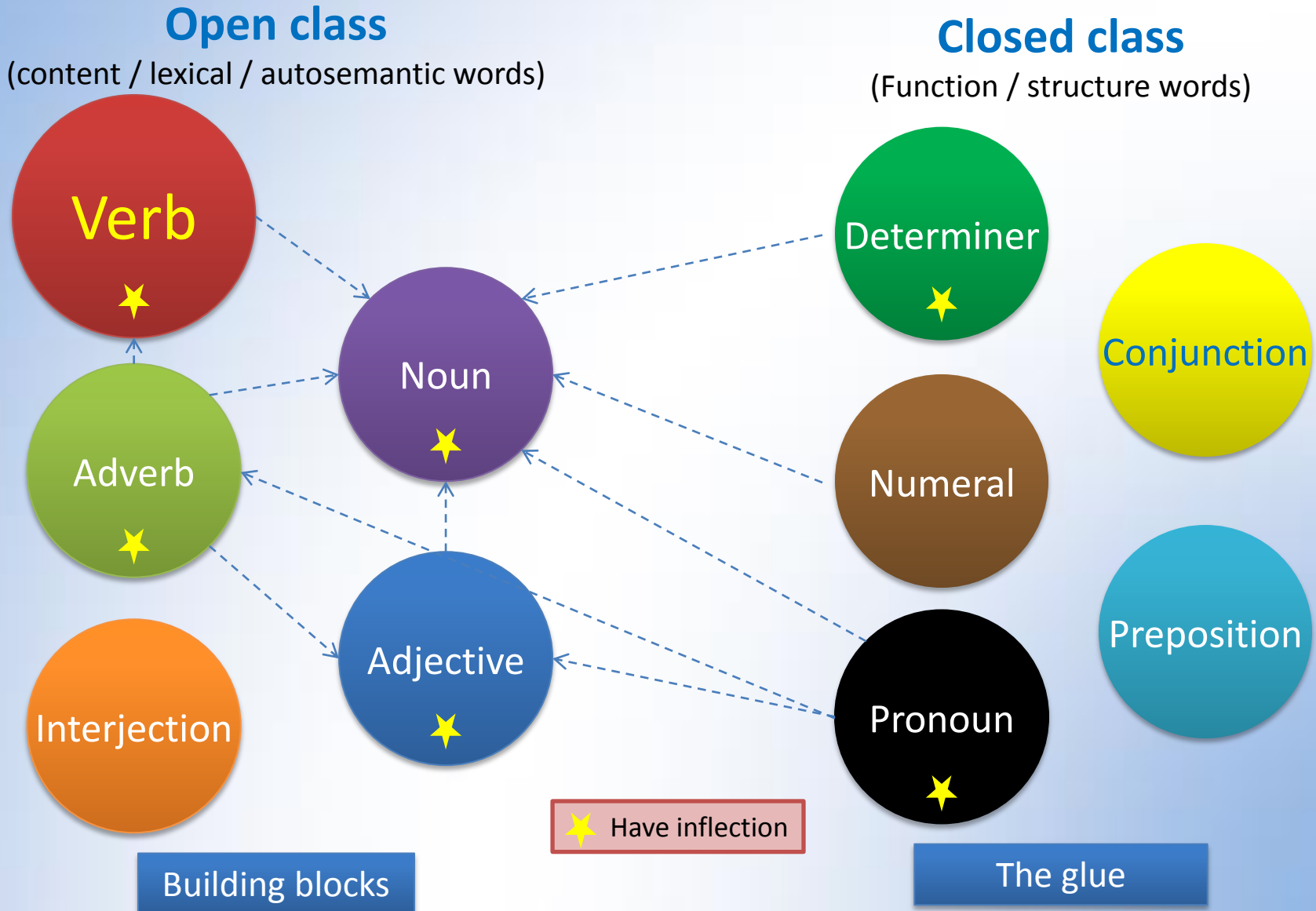


Inflectional suffixes

Inflection examples



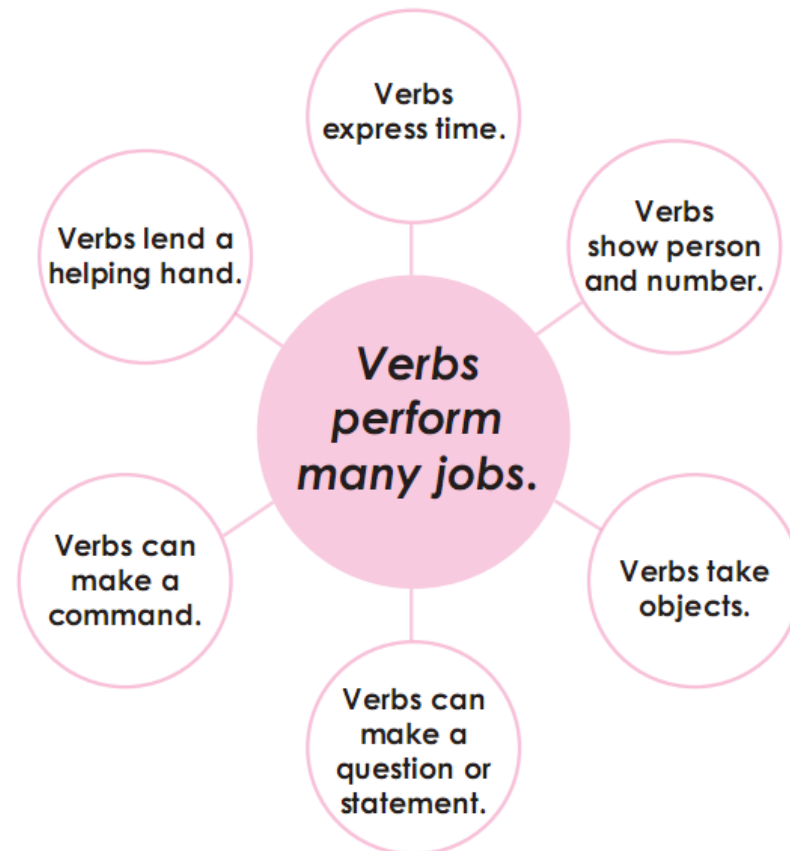
Word classes -> Verbs



What are verbs?

The *verb* is the most fundamental part of speech. Only verbs can make a statement about the subject.

Every sentence must have a verb.



Verb classes

Verb

Lexical love, sleep, run, know, ...
(Refer to actions, events and processes)



Transitive (V + O) I love you.

Intransitive (V without O) I sleep.

Dynamic (be + -ing) I am running.

Static (Never -ing) I know.

Linking (Tell the state of being) She is cute.

MORE

Auxiliary
(Perform grammatical functions or express speaker's mood)

Primary Be, have, do



Modal Will/would, shall/should, may/might, can/could, must, ought to



MORE

Verb forms - Lexical

Infinitive (Dictionary)	3 rd person singular present tense	Other person present tense	Present participle	Past tense	Past participle
V	V-s/es	V	V-ing	V-ed	V-ed
(To) test	Tests	Test	Testing	Tested	Tested
(To) play	Plays	Play	Playing	Played	Played
(To) sa ve	Saves	Save	Sa ving	Saved d	Saved d
(To) tie	Ties	Tie	T ying	Tied d	Tied d
(To) fly	F lies	Fly	Flying	F lied d	F lied d
(To) watch	Watch es	Watch	Watching	Watched	Watched
(To) input	Inputs	Input	Input ting	Input ted	Input ted
(To) build	Builds	Build	Building	Built	Built
(To) run	Runs	Run	Run ning	Ran	Run
(To) go	Go es	Go	Going	Went	Gone

- Verbs are **irregular** if they have irregular past tense and past participle forms.
- Except for some irregular verbs, past tense and past participle forms are the same.

Verb forms - Auxiliary

Infinitive (Dictionary)	3 rd person singular present tense	Other person present tense	Present participle	Past tense	Past participle
(To) be	Is	Am/Are	Being	Was/Were	Been
(To) have	Has	Have	Having	Had	Had
(To) do	Does	Do	Doing	Did	Done
Will	Will	Will		Would	
Shall	Shall	Shall		Should	
Can	Can	Can		Could	
May	May	May		Might	
Must	Must	Must		Must	
Ought to	Ought to	Ought to		Ought to	

- All primary auxiliaries have irregular forms, except for present participle form.
- All modal verbs only have 2 different forms for present and past tenses. They do not have infinitive or participle forms.

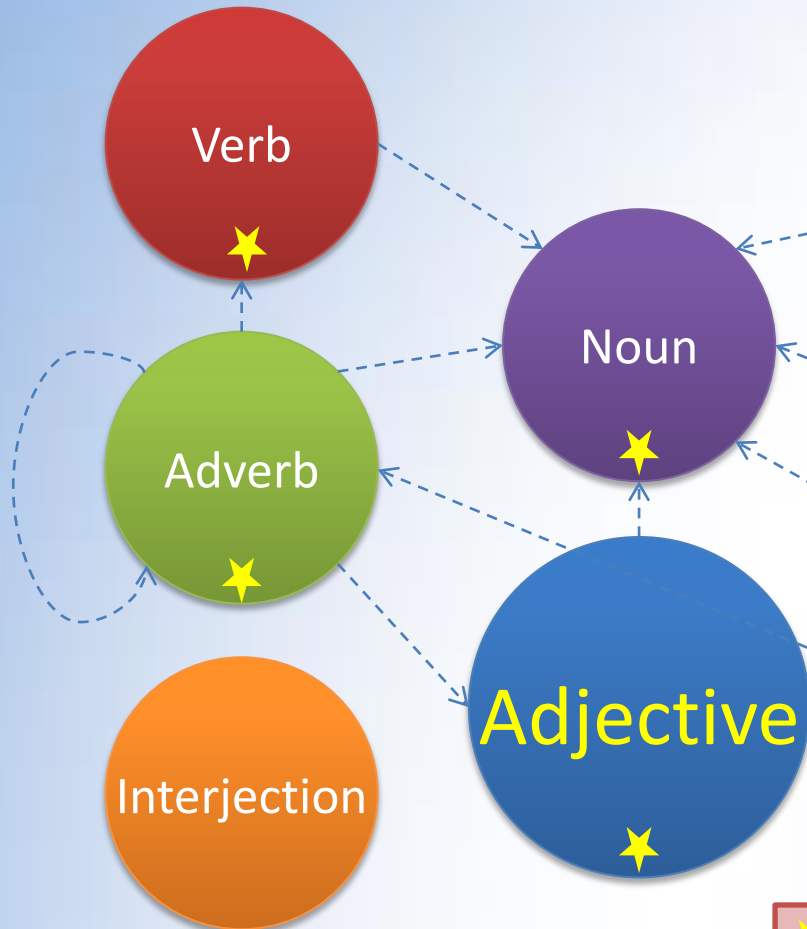
Small test

- What are wrong in the following sentences?
 - Yesterday, I hear a funny story. If you hears it, you musted laughs.
 - You has a beautiful smile. I loves it.
 - He were giving us flowers when you comed. Did you saw him?
 - I fly. He flys. She flys. They flyed. No one is flying.
 - Can you writing fast now? – No, but when I was young, I canned.

Word classes -> Adjectives

Open class

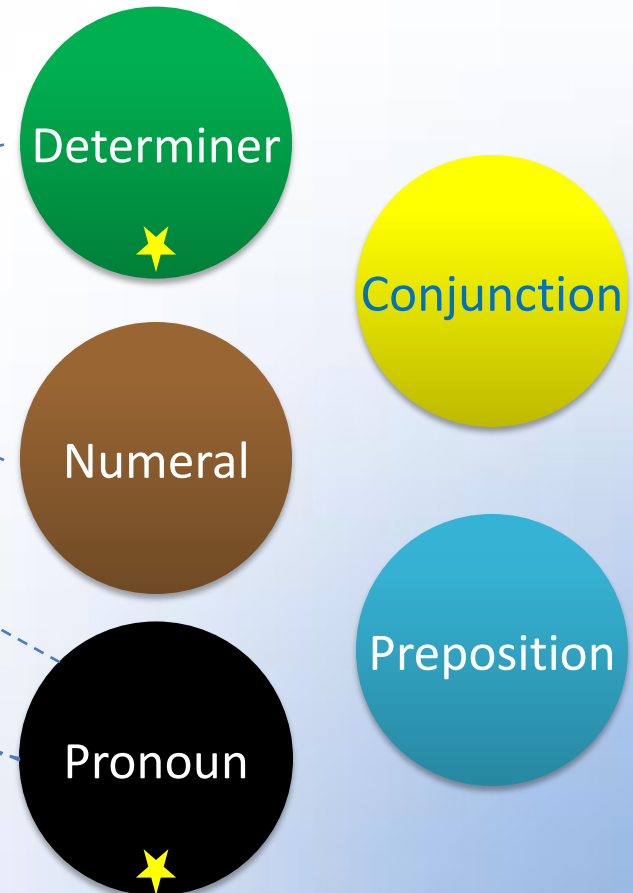
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Building blocks

Closed class

(Function / structure words)

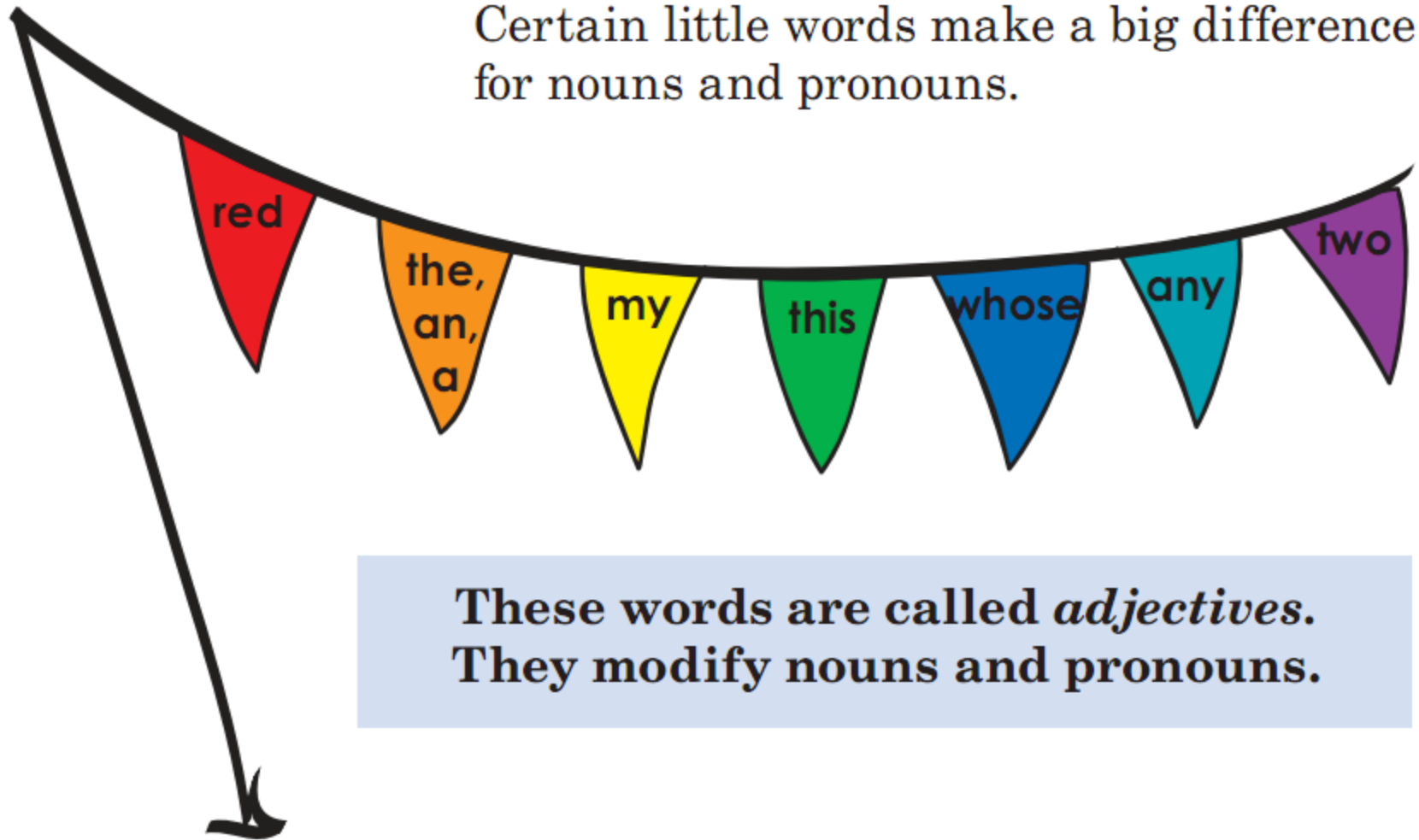


★ Have inflection

The glue

What are adjectives?

Certain little words make a big difference for nouns and pronouns.



**These words are called *adjectives*.
They modify nouns and pronouns.**

Adjective classes

Adj

Gradable careful, cute ...

Careful -> more careful -> the most careful
Cute -> cuter -> the cutest



Which
is
cuter?



Non-gradable wooden, shut ...



See **Determiners & Numerals**

Limiting (help to identify)

Descriptive (specify size, shape, color, etc.)


Common Green, sunny

Proper Vietnamese, Mexican



Modifying (placed before the noun it describes)

Predicative (come after the linking verb)

Before Noun		Noun	After Noun	
 Common Adjectives What kind?	blue	ball	Predicate Adjective	is blue
	Proper Adjective			
	Mexican	exchange student		is Mexican

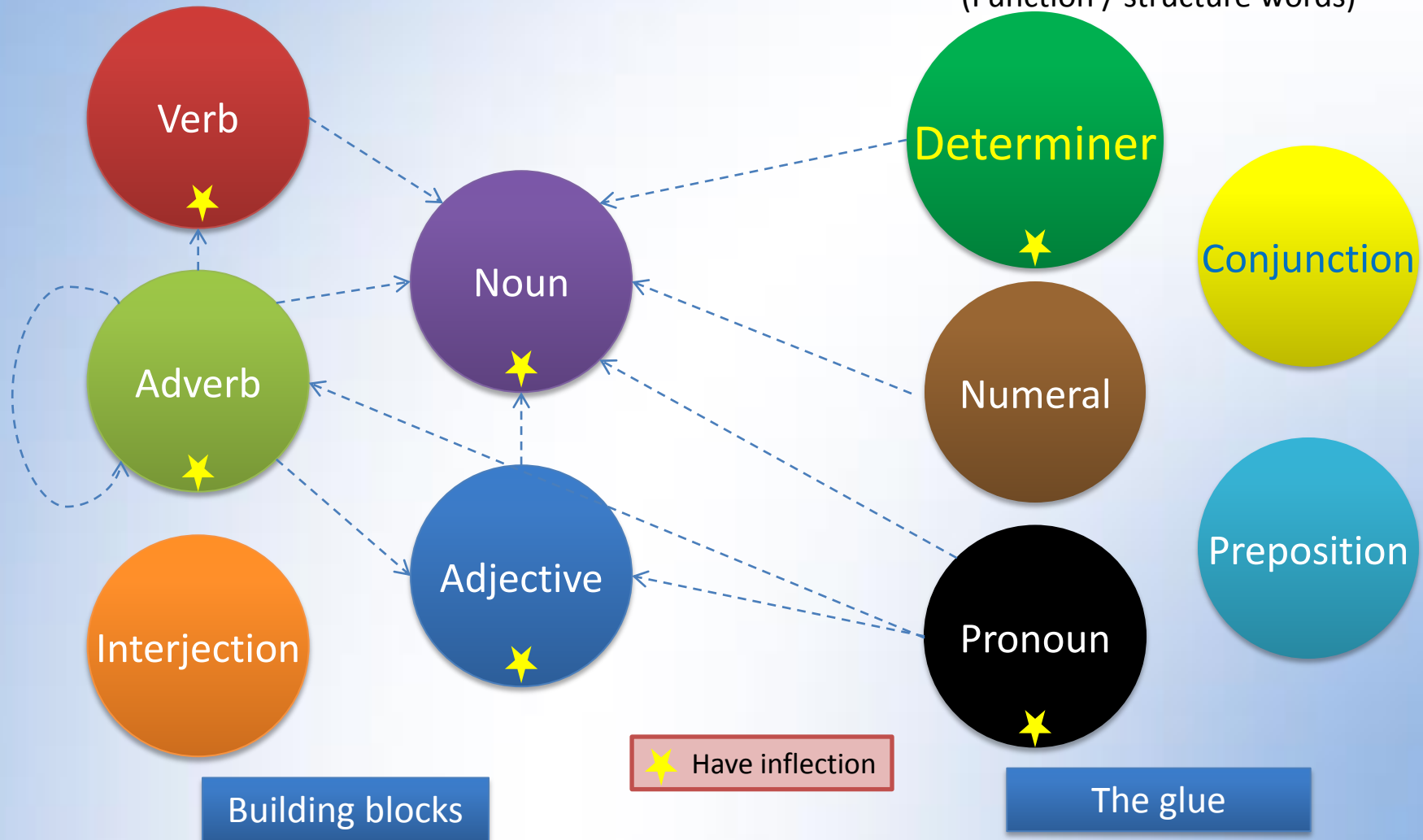
Word classes -> Determiners

Open class

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Closed class

(Function / structure words)



Determiners

Determiners indicate that a noun follows

Identifiers

DETERMINERS OR LIMITING ADJECTIVES

Direct you to the correct one by limiting choices

2

Articles

a boy



General Noun

the boy



Specific Noun

3

Possessive Adjectives

my bathing suit



our school



Ownership or Relationship

4

Demonstrative Adjectives

this hot dog



these friends



Pointing Out Persons or Things

5

Interrogative Adjectives

which swimmer?



whose flippers?



Forming Questions

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Indefinite Adjectives

some boys
a lot of
few
little



any hot dog



Unknown Person or Thing

Quantifiers

(express indefinite quantity)

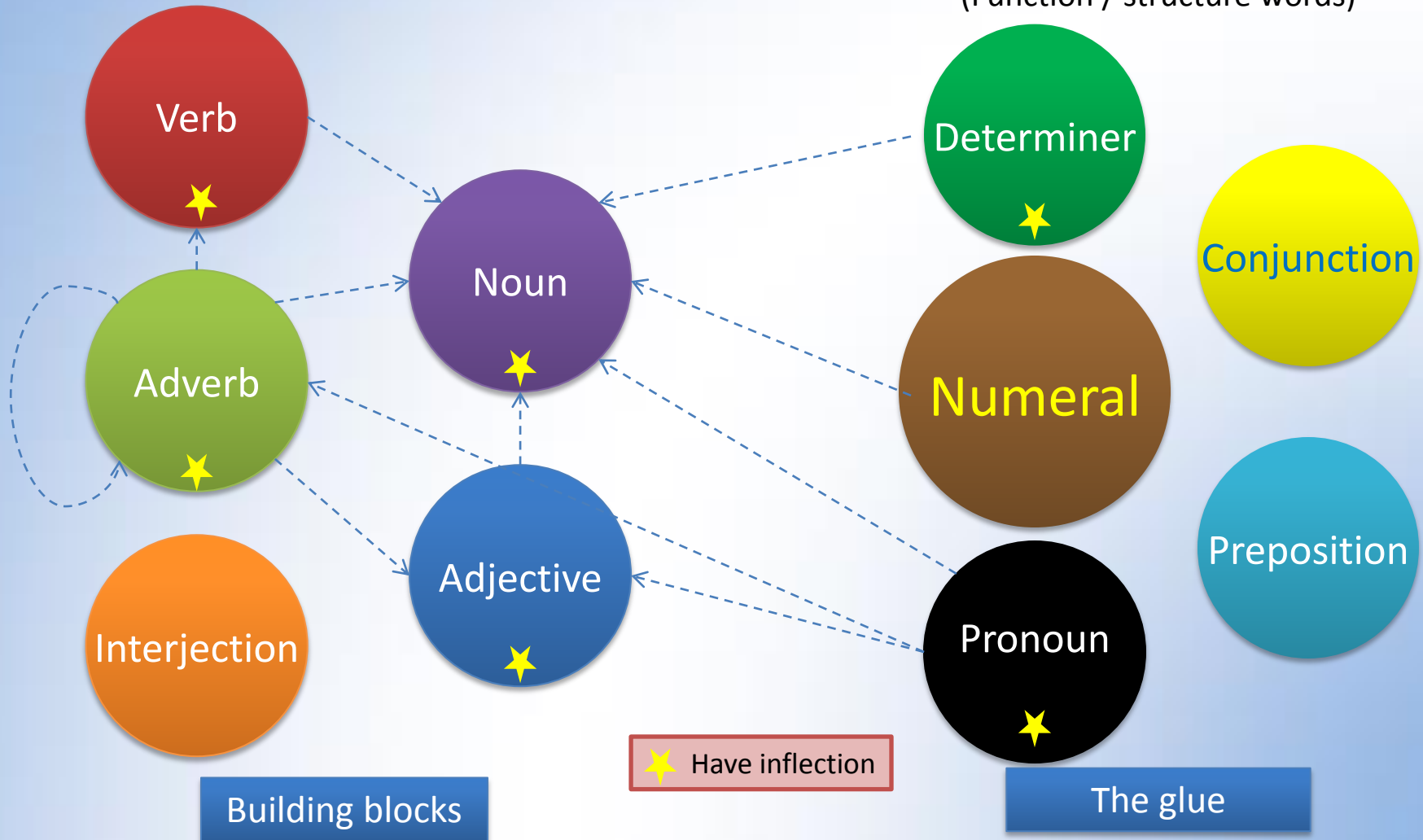
Word classes -> Numerals

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Closed class

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Numerals

Cardinal numbers



Numerical Adjectives

one winner



two whistles



Indicating Quantity

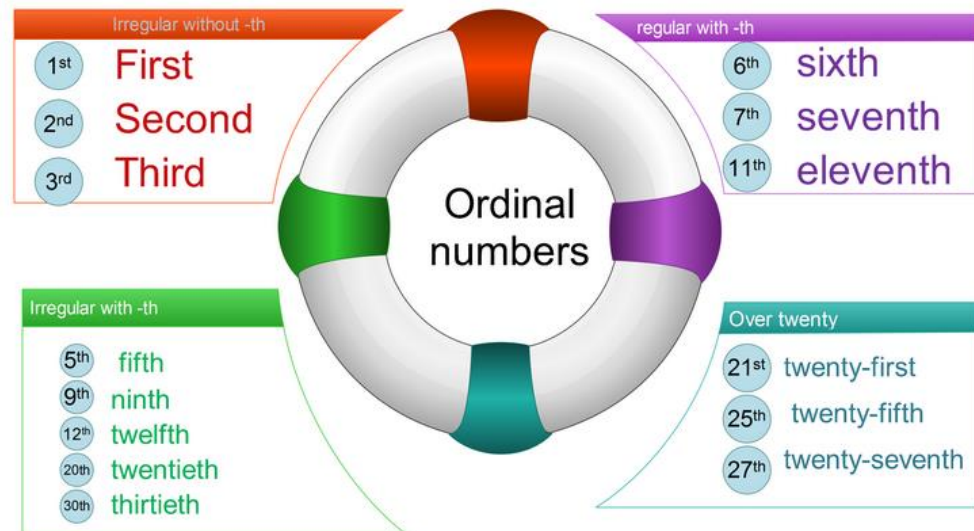
Used to:

- **Count** things: 3 dogs
- Give your **age**: 10 years old
- Give your **phone number**
- Give **years**: 2015

Used to:

- **Give a date**: My birthday is on the 27th of January.
- **Put things in a sequence or order**: Liverpool came second in the football league last year.
- **Give the floor of a building**: on the tenth floor.
- **Have birthdays**: his twenty-first birthday

Ordinal numbers



http://changingminds.org/techniques/language/speech_parts/cardinals_ordinals.htm

<https://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/vocabulary/numbers/cardinal>

<http://www.vocabulary.cl/Basic/Numbers.htm>

- What are wrong in these cases?
 - He is the seven son of Zeus. He has a three eye.
 - My two offices are in 2 different buildings. The first building has 10 floors. My office 1 is on 10 floor. The two building has 5-th floor. My second office is on floor 5. The first building is older than the other. It was built in 2010-th, and now it is fifth years old.

Any question?

