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Vocabulary

- ▶ 1. Abundant: ample, plentiful
- ▶ 2. Apathy: neutrality, indifference
- ▶ 3. Amicable: suitable, friendly, lovable
- ▶ 4. **Brave** : courageous , bold , daring
- ▶ 5. conceal: hide , cover, shelter
- ▶ 6. Convict: culprit, criminal, guilty
- ▶ 7. Consequent: outcome, resultant, following
- ▶ 8. commence: begin, start
- ▶ 9. crafty: artful, dexterous, cunning
- ▶ 10. cowardly: fearful, craven.

Parts of speech

8 Parts of Speech in English

Noun	Pronoun	Adverb	Adjective
Noun is the name of any person, a place or a thing. Noun can also be the name of an idea for sometimes.	A pronoun is the simple replacement of a noun. Basically a pronoun is used in place of a noun.	Adverbs are the parts of speech that modify a verb, or an adjective and sometimes another adverb.	Adjectives are the modifying words, they modify or describe noun or a pronoun.
Conjunction	Interjection	Verb	Preposition
A conjunction is a joining word. A conjunction can join clauses, phrases and sometime words	Interjections express emotions. Interjections are very funny words, like wow, oh, alas, etc	A verb is basically an action word. It indicates action, or work.	A preposition is a word (with, by, etc.) placed before a noun or sometimes a pronoun.

Find out the parts of speech in the below sentences

1. Chennai is a **metropolitan** city
2. She is **painting**
3. The flower is **beautiful**
4. She cooks **delicious** lunch
5. Ramu went to market and **he** bought some vegetables
6. The book is **on** the table
7. I was ill **so** I was absent
8. **Wow!** What a pretty baby



Identify the Adverb

Go through the given sentences and underline the adverb.

- ▶ The teacher has heard this before.
- ▶ The postman comes to her daily.
- ▶ The man repeated the same thing thrice.
- ▶ Your friend called again.
- ▶ Please walk forward.

Answers

- ▶ Before
- ▶ Daily
- ▶ Thrice
- ▶ Again
- ▶ Forward



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Use the Appropriate Pronoun

Fill the blanks with the correct pronouns.

1. Shyam is my brother. ____ study in the same class
2. Between Ritu and me, ____ am the younger one.
3. Do you see this book with my name on it? It is ____.
4. Miss Divya is our new class teacher. ____ is very sweet.
5. While cutting vegetables, Mitu cut _____

Answers

1.We

2.I

3.Mine

4.She

5.Herself



Underline the Preposition

Read the passage and find out the prepositions and underline them.

- ▶ Goldilocks used to live with her parents in a cabin near the forest. One day before lunch, she decided to go for a walk. She strolled down the lane that led to the forest and came across a cottage.
- ▶ Feeling intrigued, she decided to check whose house it was. She knocked on the door, but no one answered. Then she decided to go in herself and check. Once she came into the cottage, she saw.



- ▶ three soup bowls were kept on the table. Feeling hungry, she drank the soup out of the smallest bowl. She saw a flight of stairs that led to a room above. She decided to go and see the rooms.
- ▶ On reaching the rooms, she saw there were three beds. Feeling sleepy with all the walking and hot soup,
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Conversation

- ▶ **Conversation** is interactive communication between two or more people. The development of conversational skills and etiquette is an important part of socialization
- ▶ A talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged.





Example:1

- There are many ways to greet someone. We'll learn about the most common way to greet someone .

Greeting someone you never met:

"Hi, my name is Steve. It's nice to meet you."

You can respond to this by saying,

"It's a pleasure to meet you. I'm Jack."

Another common question to ask is

"What do you do for a living?"

You can respond to this by saying,

"I work at a restaurant."

"I work at a bank."

"I work in a software company."

"I'm a dentist."

- Usually, will not need to ask for a name. It is implied that each person should say their name. But in case they don't, you can ask,

"What is your name?"

Many times, I don't hear the name. If you would like for them to repeat their name, you can say,

"What was that again?"

"Excuse me?"

"Pardon me?"

Conversation between Team leader and team member

A conversation between team leader and team member about improving communication skills

Team leader: Hey Avinash, I would like you to come to my office. I would like to speak to you.

Team member: Sure sir. After you!

Team member: Yes, sir. Is there any problem?

Team leader: No There is no problem. In fact, I wanted to tell you that you are doing very well in the office and you are also giving us good results.



Team member: Thank you so much, sir.

Team leader: You also volunteered for a recent project and that too is doing amazing!

Team member: Thank you, sir.

Team leader: There is just one problem. I mean not a problem as such, but the scope for improvement for you.

Team member: Yes sir. I'm all sure.



- ▶ **Team leader:** Please don't take this in a negative way but I would like you to improve your communication skills. It is not bad at all but you can still improve and make your English stronger.
- ▶ **Team member:** Yes, I know about that but I cannot get admitted into classes or opt for an English-speaking course as my office hours will clash with it.
- ▶ **Team leader:** Why do you need classes or offline courses when you can learn and practice online on the 'Talk Now App'!



- ▶ **Team member:** Talk Now App? I haven't heard of this. It sounds good but what is this about?
- ▶ **Team leader:** It's a language practice app and there is a Talk Now website too!
- ▶ **Team member:** Okay, how will it help me to improve my English?
- ▶ **Team leader:** First of all, this is totally online. When you reach home after work then you can spend some time on it practice English Speaking whenever you get time.
- ▶ **Team member:** That's a relief!



- ▶ **Team leader:** Yeah I know! I have used it and hence, I am recommending you to use this app.
- ▶ **Team member:** What does Talk Now offer?
- ▶ **Team leader:** With Talk Now, you can find speaking partners online, have conversations with learners like you and practice daily with people from different cultures, and different professional backgrounds which will help you to improve your English language fluency.
- ▶ **Team member:** Seems interesting, but what about my hesitation to speak in English?
- ▶ **Team leader:** Just open the app and start speaking without any fear and after some time your hesitation will go away too.



- ▶ **Team member:** Okay, so how do I download this app?
- ▶ **Team leader:** It's *easy as a pie*! You first have to Download the Talk Now App and log in with your Google account. And then you can start searching for speaking partners who are online.
- ▶ **Team member:** But...
- ▶ **Team leader:** But what?
- ▶ **Team member:** Suppose I am talking with someone through this app and as you know my spoken English is not so good, what if the opposite person laugh at me?
- ▶ **Team leader:** Don't worry about it, since everyone is learning on this app so no one is going to judge you.



- ▶ **Team member:** Oh, is it?
- ▶ **Team leader:** Absolutely. Also, the Talk Now website offers you loads of blogs and a knowledge base to strengthen your English Grammar too.
- ▶ **Team member:** I am impressed with this app!
- ▶ **Team leader:** Talk Now has surely helped me to speak English confidently and it can do wonders for you!
- ▶ **Team member:** Sir, not just me but every English learner who is struggling to speak English when they face problems like hesitation, stage fear, and falling short of words.
- ▶ **Team leader:** Exactly. *It is a gem!* You should try it!
- ▶ **Team member:** Of course and without any doubt. I will start using Talk Now from today itself!

ARTICLE

- ▶ An article is a word that comes before a noun
- ▶ To show if it's specific or general.
- ▶ Specific nouns use the article *the* and general nouns use the article *a* (or *an* if the next word starts with a vowel sound).
- ▶ **Example of an article in grammar**
- ▶ “*The* hammer” refers to only one hammer, but “*a* hammer” refers to any hammer.



- ▶ **What are definite and indefinite articles?**

Definite and indefinite articles refer to whether they describe something specific or general.

“The” is the definite article and “a” and “an” are indefinite articles.

- ▶ **When should we not use articles?**

- ▶ Certain nouns such as nationalities, school subjects, and sports don't need articles, especially if they refer to abstract ideas.

Abstract ideas

- ▶ Eg: Betrayal, Charity, Courage, Cowardice, Cruelty, Forgiveness, Truth, Love, Anger, Fear, Grief, Happiness, Jealousy, Sympathy, Insanity, Knowledge,



ARTICLES: A / AN / THE



A / AN



THE



- Used for objects that are not specific or one of several things of a similar type

E.g. I need **a phone**.

- Used the first time we introduce an object

E.g. I saw **a movie** last night.

- Use for specific objects or objects that both the speaker and listener know

E.g. Can you give me **the books** on the table?

- Used when we mention the object again

E.g. **The movie** is based on a real-life incident.

EXAMPLES

AN, THE

1. A dog is **an** animal
2. A cat is **a** mammal.
3. I love **the** color red.
4. Our family loves to sing on **the** weekends.
5. I bought **a** new guitar for my son.
6. This is **the** red guitar I bought him.
7. **A** cat and **a** dog are both mammals.
8. I'm looking for **a** place to live.

1. Did you see **the** movie last night?
2. **The** movie they saw was "Frozen."
3. She didn't say **a** word to him.
4. A golden retriever is **a** breed of dog.
5. I used to work in **a** humane society.
6. I will never own **a** snake as a pet!
7. I'm looking for **a** person of great integrity.
8. **An** orange tree makes fruit that is orange in color.
9. We live on **the** third floor of the apartment building.

Exercise on Articles

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an' where necessary.

1. He is _____ European. (sound of y)
2. I saw _____ accident on the way.
3. She ate _____ orange in the morning.
4. He is studying in _____ university. (sound of y)
5. She is _____ MP. (sound of e)
6. This is _____ ashtray.
7. My father is _____ dentist.
8. I need _____ advice on losing weight. (uncountable noun)
9. She has _____ black hair. (uncountable noun)

ANSWER KEY	1. a	2. an	3. an	4. a	5. an
	6. an	7. a	8. x	9. x	

► icebreaking sessions

- Finding out the truth
- Common ground-common thing
- Playing strength where you have acted boldly