

SUMMARY OF TERMINOLOGY

PARTS OF SPEECH

Examples in English

Examples in Russian

PRONOUNS:

Have:

3 Genders: Masculine, Feminine, Neuter.

Number: Singular and Plural.

Cases: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Instrumental, Prepositional.

Pronouns **decline** (change their ending) in Cases and agree with Nouns.

Cases show what role a word plays in a sentence.

Personal pronouns

I, you, he

Я, ты, он

Possessive pronouns

My, your, his

Мой, твой, его́

Demonstrative pronouns

This

Этот, ésta, эти

NOUNS:

Answer the question: **Who? Кто?** (Animate/Living) and **What? Что?** (Inanimate/Non-living).

Have:

3 Genders: Masculine, Feminine, Neuter (tell the difference by looking at the ending).

Number: Singular and Plural.

Cases: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Instrumental, Prepositional.

Nouns **decline** (change their ending) in Cases.

Cases show what role a word plays in a sentence.

Common endings in Nominative Singular form (Dictionary form): **consonants, й, ь, а, я, о, е.**

Table, car, friends

Стол, маши́на, друзья́

ADJECTIVES:

Describe Nouns.

Answer the question: **What kind of? Какой?**

Have:

3 Genders: Masculine, Feminine, Neuter.

Number: Singular and Plural.

Cases: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Instrumental, Prepositional.

Adjectives **decline** (change their ending) in Cases and generally agree with Nouns.

Cases show what role a word plays in a sentence.

Common endings in Nominative Singular form (Dictionary form): **ый, ий, ой, ая, яя, ое, ее.**

New, big, blue

Но́вый, больша́я, си́ний

VERBS:

Answer the question: **What to do?** **Что дéлать?** (describe an action).

Have:

Past, Present, Future Tense.

2 conjugations (or groups) (1st and 2nd).

Verbs **conjugate** (change their ending) according to the Personal pronouns.

Generally, infinitive form ends in **ть**.

To play, to know, to drink

Игрáть, знáть, пítь

ADVERBS:

Describe Verbs.

Answer the question: **How?** **Как?**

Do not change their ending.

Either end in **о** or **и**.

Badly, in Russian

Плóхо, по-рýсски

PREPOSITIONS:

Affect the choice of the Case and, therefore, influence the endings of Nouns, Adjectives and Pronouns.

In, on, about

В, на, о