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Symbols versus Icons







Symbols are characterised by an **arbitrary** relationship between form and meaning.

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A: What was he doing? B: Working

A: How would you describe the experience? B: Unbelievable

A: How are you feeling? B: Unhappy

Shark!!!!!!! Swim!!!!!!!

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- Inactive → *One sip of coffee and Charles changes from in- to hyper-active.
- 2. **Underconfident** → ?After eight pints, Angela changes from **under** to **overconfident**.
- Walk out → She walked through the door and out of my life.
- Blackbird (species) → *She saw a black and a white bird in the tree

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A verb is a DOING word

An adjective is a DESCRIBING word

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2. That film really sucks

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e.g. A verb is a 'doing' word

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e.g. we can make a verb progressive by adding -ing

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Where a word comes in a sentence (sometimes called 'distribution')

e.g. verbs come after subjects and before objects, e.g.

she ate the fish

 $\underline{\mathsf{she}} \ \mathbf{likes} \ \underline{\mathsf{cheese}}.$

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- 1. Open versus closed class (Content versus function)
- 2. Where in the sentence are particular word classes found?

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Open Class



Closed Class



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From Robot to Mobot



Recent nouns (plus the exclmative doh!)



Thought police 1946 Spam, 1970, Monty Python*

Spam, 1970, Monty Python* 300 Woundshor 1388 ** 1280 1388 Brande live 'you's Jones Wohor's Jon's Woods 1515 Woods

* This sketch is regarded as the origin of the use of spam to describe unsolicited email ** This term was popularised by the Simpsons

*** This is actually derived from a Latin word for child. However, the current meaning dates from the late 1980s

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Word classes which come inside the 'Noun Phrase'



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Pronouns:

Stand in for entire Noun Phrase

I liked $\left\{ egin{array}{ll} \textit{the marshmallow coated chocolate fudge cake} \\ \textit{it} \end{array} \right\}$

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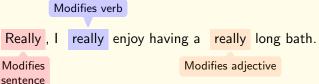
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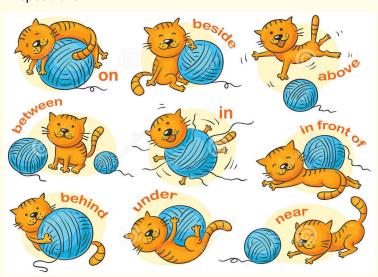
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The three types of adverb.
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Prepositions:



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Examples of prepositions

 $\text{He's been living} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{with } [\textit{his pet dog}] \\ \text{in } [\textit{a log cabin}] \\ \text{in } [\textit{the wilds of Alaska}] \\ \text{for } [\textit{many years}] \end{array} \right\}$

Word classes and language impairment

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Children with language impairments

- Tend to miss out function words
- ► Have difficulties understanding prepositions (when used to express location), e.g. on, in
- ► Have reduced verb diversity, e.g. 'She did the food'

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was absobloodylutely brilliant!?'

mean, and how has this error arisen?

Whatas unusual about the following sentence: 'That film

A student says 'I am going to a lection'. What does 'lection'

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