## 02 - Word Classes

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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

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

# 3. Minimal (cannot be split)

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

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## 2. Form test

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

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Distribution = where a word comes in a sentence e.g. verbs come after subjects and before objects, e.g. <a href="mailto:she the fish">she likes cheese</a>.
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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



## Open versus closed-class words

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#### Open versus closed-class words

## 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  $\left\{ egin{array}{ll} \emph{the marshmallow coated chocolate fudge cake} \\ \emph{it} \end{array} \right\}$ 

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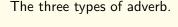
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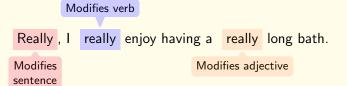
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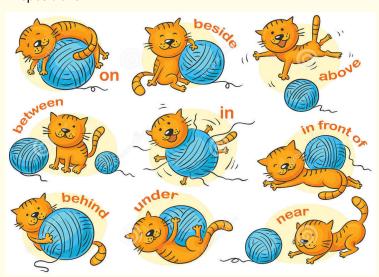
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## Examples of prepositions

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

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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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