02 - Word Classes

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‘minimal standalone symbolic unit’

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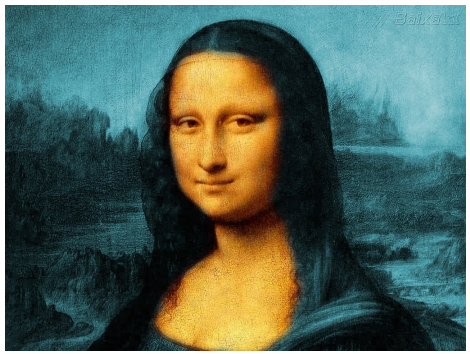
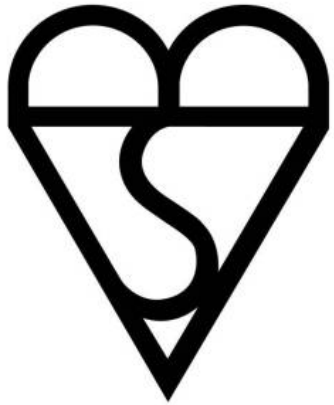
Symbolic versus iconic





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A: What was he doing? B: **Working**

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

Shark!!!!!!!! **Swim**!!!!!!!!!

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1. Inactive
2. Careless
3. She saw a blackbird in the tree

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'black' = colour / species

I saw a black and a white bird.

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A verb is a DOING word

An adjective is a DESCRIBING word

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1. The raging river tore through the valley
2. That film really sucks

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(1) Meaning test

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(2) Morphological test

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

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(3) Positional test

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

she **ate** the fish

she **likes** cheese.

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1. Content versus function words
2. Open versus closed class.
3. What do the words do in the sentence?
4. Where do they appear in the sentence?

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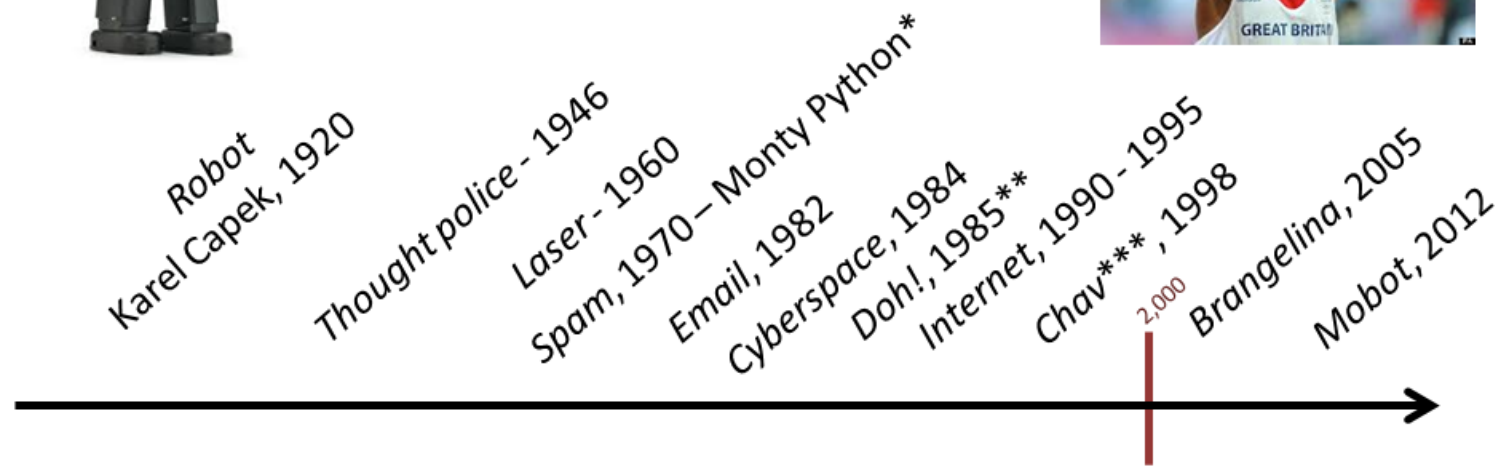
From *Robot* to *Mobot*

Recent nouns
(plus the exclmative *doh!*)



* 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

DET.	ADV.	ADJ.	
the	*really*	*lovely*	cats NOUN like fish
these	*very*	*mean*	
some	*totally*	*furry*	

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Word classes which come inside the Verb Complex

The cats $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text{AUX.}\\ \textit{are}\end{array}\right\}$ $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text{ADV.}\\ \textit{always}\\ \textit{greedily}\\ \textit{really}\end{array}\right\}$ licking VERB the bowl.

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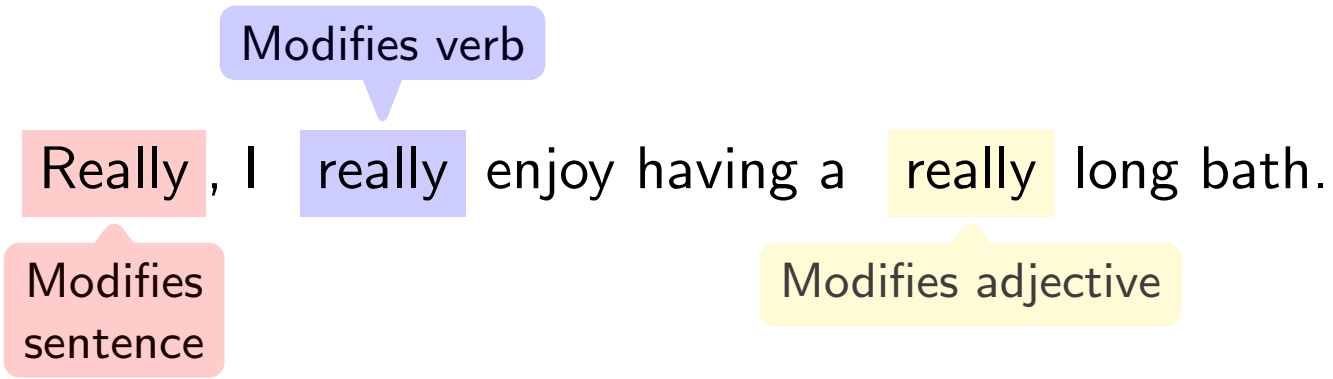
The three types of adverb.



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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
- Sometimes omit arguments of the verb, e.g. 'She put the books'

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A student says ‘I am going to a lection’. What does ‘lection’ mean, and how has this error arisen?

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