

NLP-Parts of Speech POS

Common POS Tags (Cheat Sheet)

◆ Nouns

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| NN | Noun, singular | book, car |
| NNS | Noun, plural | books |
| NNP | Proper noun, singular | India, Harry |
| NNPS | Proper noun, plural | Indians, States |

◆ Pronouns

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| PRP | Personal pronoun | I, you, he |
| PRP\$ | Possessive pronoun | my, his, her |

◆ Verbs

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|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| VB | Verb, base form | run |
| VBD | Verb, past tense | ran |
| VBG | Verb, gerund | running |
| VBN | Verb, past participle | eaten |
| VBP | Verb, present (non-3rd person) | stand |

VBZ Verb, present (3rd person) is

◆ **Adjectives & Adverbs**

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|------------|------------------------|----------------|
| JJ | Adjective | heavy, good |
| JJR | Adjective, comparative | better |
| JJS | Adjective, superlative | best |
| RB | Adverb | quickly |
| RBR | Adverb, comparative | faster |
| RBS | Adverb, superlative | fastest |

◆ **Determiners & Prepositions**

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|-----------|---|----------------|
| DT | Determiner | the, a |
| IN | Preposition / subordinating conjunction | in, of, before |
| CC | Coordinating conjunction | and, or |

◆ **Numbers & Symbols**

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|------------|-------------------|----------|
| CD | Cardinal number | 16, 1945 |
| POS | Possessive ending | 's |
| . | Sentence end | . |
| , | Comma | , |
| : | Colon | : |

- ❖ **Others (Less Common but Important)**

| Tag | Meaning | Example |
|-----|---------------|-----------|
| MD | Modal verb | can, will |
| TO | to | to |
| UH | Interjection | oh, wow |
| WDT | Wh-determiner | which |
| WP | Wh-pronoun | who |
| WRB | Wh-adverb | where |



How to Explain to Students (Simple Analogy)

POS tags are like **labels on words** telling us
who is a noun, who is a verb, who is a helper word in a sentence.

💡 Just like in programming:

```
int x = 10;
```

POS tags tell us:

PRESIDENT → Proper Noun
is → Verb
the → Determiner



Want to See All POS Tags in Python?

```
import nltk
nltk.help.upenn_tagset()
```

This prints the **official complete list**.