

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

Tag	Meaning	Example
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:

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int x = 10;
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POS tags tell us:

PRESIDENT → Proper Noun

is → Verb

the → Determiner

Want to See All POS Tags in Python?

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import nltk  
nltk.help.upenn_tagset()
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This prints the **official complete list**.