**02. Introduction to English Grammar: Parts of Speech in English**

**Introduction**

Parts of speech are the building blocks of English grammar. They categorize words based on their function within a sentence. Understanding these categories helps improve sentence structure, clarity, and overall communication.

**1. The Eight Parts of Speech**

There are eight main parts of speech in English:

**1.1 Nouns**

Nouns are words that name people, places, things, or ideas.

* Examples: **dog**, **city**, **happiness**

**1.2 Pronouns**

Pronouns replace nouns to avoid repetition.

* Examples: **he**, **she**, **it**, **they**

**1.3 Verbs**

Verbs express actions or states of being.

* Examples: **run**, **think**, **is**

**1.4 Adjectives**

Adjectives describe nouns and pronouns.

* Examples: **beautiful**, **tall**, **happy**

**1.5 Adverbs**

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, often answering questions like how, when, or where.

* Examples: **quickly**, **yesterday**, **very**

**1.6 Prepositions**

Prepositions show relationships between a noun (or pronoun) and another word.

* Examples: **on**, **under**, **between**

**1.7 Conjunctions**

Conjunctions connect words, phrases, or clauses.

* Examples: **and**, **but**, **because**

**1.8 Interjections**

Interjections express strong emotions or sudden reactions.

* Examples: **Wow!**, **Oh!**, **Ouch!**

**2. Practice**

**Exercise 1: Identify the Part of Speech**

Underline the part of speech in each sentence.

1. She **quickly** ran to the store.
2. The **cat** is sleeping on the sofa.
3. I love reading, **but** I don’t have much time.

**Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks**

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ dog barked at the stranger.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ his homework before dinner.
3. We went to the park \_\_\_\_\_\_ the river.

**Exercise 3: Create Your Own Sentences**

Write a sentence using each part of speech.

**Conclusion**

Understanding the parts of speech is essential for mastering English grammar. By identifying and correctly using these categories, learners can improve their writing, speaking, and comprehension skills.