

## **Grammar Card- Word Types**



## **Nouns**

Words that identify a person, idea or thing.

woman, tree, love, city, computer

'Naming' words

### Types of noun

Common: refers to things in general friendship, dog, night, road, education Proper: a specific person/place/thing Edinburgh, Asia, Clare, Tuesday, Big Ben Concrete: something that exists physically

dog, road, Asia, Big Ben, computer

Abstract: intangible idea

love, friendship, education, time
Collective: groups of people or things

audience, team, family, class

# **Adjectives**

Words that are used to modify nouns.

small, quick, annoying, beautiful

'Modifying' words

## **Using adjectives**

Placed before a noun:

I have **brown** hair. It was an **interesting** book.

Placed after a link verb:

This cake is **delicious**. The snow feels **cold**.

## **Verbs**

Words that express the actions of a person or thing.

run, breathe, grow, have, be

'Doing' words

### Using verbs to describe...

Actions: She is laughing.

**Events:** It **rained** for days.

**Situations:** We had a lovely time.

Change: Children grow up quickly.



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# **Adverbs**

Gives information about a verb, adjective or another adverb.

clearly, soon, hopefully, there, really

### Using adverbs to describe...

How something happens:

We watched the match hopefully.

When something happens:

The film will be starting soon.

Where something happens:

We will set up the stage over there.

# **Pronouns**

Used in place of a noun that is already known.

*I, you, we, her, mine, them, ours* 

## **Types of pronoun**

**Subjective:** subjects of verbs **I, you, we, he, she, it, they** 

**Objective:** objects of verbs/prepositions

me, you, us, him, her, it, them

Possessive: refer to something owned mine, yours, hers, his, ours, theirs

Reflexive: refer back to subject of clause myself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves,

yourselves, themselves

# **Conjunctions**

Used to connect phrases, clauses and sentences.

and, because, if, but, or, until

'Joining' words. Also called 'connectives'

#### **Using conjunctions**

Coordinating conjunctions: join items of equal importance

You can have coffee or tea.

Subordinating conjunctions: connect a subordinate clause to a main clause.

I made a sandwich because I was hungry.



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# **Prepositions**

Used to show relationships between nouns and the other words in a sentence.

under, over, between, on, in, with

## Using prepositions to describe...

#### Positioning:

Your shoes are under the table.

#### Timing:

The party is **on** Saturday.

#### A way of doing things:

We had to go without them.

# **Determiners**

Used to introduce nouns or phrases.

a, the, those, this, every

# **Types of determiner**

**Definite article:** 

the

The indefinite article:

a/an

**Possessive determiners:** 

(show ownership)

my, your, his, her, our, their, its