

WHAT IS A NOUN?

o person

place

thing







On the dry erase board...write down some examples of nouns!

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### Practice!

- Find the nouns in the following sentence: (Remember!...a noun is a person, place, thing, or idea)
- 1. Mark and Jennifer have a son.
- 2. There are many people in this classroom who are missing assignments.
- 3. I am ready for Thanksgiving.

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- 4. The man in the mirror was no one but himself.
- 5. I have never been so upset in my life!

\*Your turn: Write 2 sentences and identify the nouns in your sentences.

**PRONOUN** 

o A pronoun can replace a noun.

o Example:

- Mark----He
- Mary----She
- Mark and Mary----They



#### PRONOUN TYPES:

Possessive: mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, whose, theirs

 ${\bf Demonstrative:}\ this,\ that,\ these,\ those$ 

Objective: me, you, him, her, it, us, whom, them

Subjective: I, you, he, she, it, we, who, they Reflexive: myself, yourself, himself, herself, ourselves, themselves

**Indefinite:** anybody, everybody, nobody, somebody

PRONOUN PRACTICE

Identify the pronouns in the following sentences:

- 1. They have never been so happy.
- 2. It was a really good day today.
- 3. She was upset with herself for failing it.
- 4. You and I should take a walk.

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- 5. The candy is neither yours nor mine.
- \*Your turn! Write 2 sentences and identify the pronouns in the sentences.

### PRONOUNS (cont'd)

- The noun to which the pronoun refers is called the antecedent.
- For example:

Allen got off work at seven, then he went home. He=pronoun Allen=antecedent

Maria is a very bright student; she made all A's on her report card.

She, Her=pronouns Maria=antecedent

#### WHAT IS A VERB?

- There are two types of verbs that we will look out closely:
- oAction Verb
- oLinking Verb

#### **ACTION VERBS**

oAction verbs express action, something that a person, animal, force of nature, or thing can do

Playing



Driving



LINKING/ HELPING VERB

- o <u>Linking verbs</u>, on the other hand, do not express action. Instead, they connect the subject of a verb to additional information about the subject.
- o Any form of the verb "Be"
  - Am
  - Were
  - Has
  - Been · Are being

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#### VERBS PRACTICE

- o Identify the verbs in the following sentences: Remember...verbs can show action or link one part of the sentence to the next.
- 1. Marion was the first woman to become Vice President.
- 3. There is a large group of students in the hallway.
- 4. She danced all night long.
- 5. I will be 18 next month.
- \*Your turn! Write two sentences with action verbs and 2 sentences with linking verbs. Identify them!

ADJECTIVE

- •Adjectives are words that describe or modify another person or thing in the sentence
- •Adjectives are descriptive words!

#### **ADJECTIVE**

•Descriptive adjectives: Describe the noun.

Ex: red house tall man large hut

Limiting Adjectives: Limits or specifies the noun

Ex: *high school* student, *two* teams, *every* employee

#### **ADVERBS**

o Adverbs are words that modify

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- \*a <u>verb</u> (He drove <u>slowly</u>. How did he drive?)
  \*an <u>adjective</u> (He drove a <u>very</u> fast car. How fast was his car?)
- \*another adverb (She moved <u>quite</u> slowly down the aisle. How slowly did she move?)
- o some adverbs can be identified by their characteristic "ly" suffix
- Answers questions such as: "how," "when," "where," "how much".

#### CONJUNCTIONS

- A conjunction is a joiner, a word that <u>connects</u> (conjoins) parts of a sentence.
- o Coordinating Conjunctions
  - And
  - Or
  - But
  - ForNor
  - So
  - Yet

#### ADJ. PRACTICE...

Identify the following adjectives and tell if they are limiting or descriptive:

- 1. There are many good students in high school.
- 2. She was grateful for the interview.
- 3. I am a very intelligent person.
- 4. The basketball team was very adept in knowing the difficult plays.
- 5. The bluish-green sky was a beautiful sight to see.

Your turn! Write two sentences with adjectives in them and identify them!

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#### ADVERBS PRACTICE...

- Identify the following adverbs; then write out the question that corresponds to the adverb:
- Ex: She ran fast in the race. (How did she run?)
- 1. Ashley danced very well.
- 2. I swiftly ran after the ball.
- 3. She angrily slammed the door shut after screaming very loudly at her boyfriend.
- 4. She is a very happy person to be around.
- 5. The night crept up stealthily like a burglar in a house.
- \*Your turn! Write two sentences with adverbs in them and identify them!

• A **subordinating conjunction** introduces a dependent clause and indicates the nature of the relationship among the independent clause(s) and the dependent clause(s).

CONJUNCTIONS

The most common subordinating conjunctions are: after, although, as, because, before, how, if, once, since, than, that, though, until, when, where, whether, and while.

#### **CONJUNCTIONS**

- o Correlative conjunctions always appear in pairs -- you use them to link equivalent sentence elements.
- The most common correlative conjunctions

both...and. either...or. neither...nor. not only...but also, so...as, and whether...or

#### CONJ. Practice!

- o Identify the conjunctions in the following sentences; then, tell what type of conj. they are.
- Ashton and I will go out tonight.
- 2. After the movie, let's go out to eat.
- 3. Neither Sam nor Vinny ate lunch.
- 4. My true passion in life is writing, and I hope to get published soon.
- 5. Susan makes good grades because she studies every night.
- 6. Either you will put forth effort in your classes or you will not do your best.

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#### **PREPOSITIONS**

- o A preposition links nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence. Some common prepositions are: at, under, over, of, to, in, out, beneath, beyond, for, among, after, before, within, down, up, during, without, with, outside, inside, beside, between, by, on, out, from, until, toward, throughout, across, above, about, around.
- examples:

The book is on the table.

The book is beneath the table.

The book is leaning against the table.

The book is **beside** the table.

She held the book over the table She read the book during class.

OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION

o The Object of the Preposition Recognize an object of the preposition when you

- o Prepositions often begin prepositional phrases. To complete the phrase, the preposition usually teams up with a **noun**, **pronoun**, or **gerund**, or the *object* of the preposition. Here are some examples:
- At = preposition; noon = noun or the object of the preposition.
- o Behind them
- *Behind* = preposition; *them* = pronoun or the *object* of the preposition.

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#### OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION

- Without sneezing
- Without = preposition; sneezing = gerund or the object of the preposition.
- The object of the preposition will often have modifiers that add description:
- o At the kitchen counter
- At = preposition; the, kitchen = modifiers; counter = noun or the object of the preposition.
- o Between us only
- *Between* = preposition; *us* = pronoun or the *object* of the preposition; *only* = modifier.
   Without completely finishing
- Without = preposition; completely = modifier; finishing =
  gerund or the object of the preposition.

OBJECT OF THE PREPOSITION

o Infrequently, a <u>clause</u> will be the object of the preposition, as in this example:

In class today, we talked about what Mr. Duncan expects in our next research essay.

About = preposition; what Mr. Duncan expectsin our next research essay = noun clause or the object of the preposition.

### Preposition Practice

Identify the prepositions in the following sentences, then identify the object of the preposition.

- 1. I don't want to go before the judge tomorrow.
- 2. Andrew tossed the ball into the air.
- 3. Sienna quickly ran across the yard.
- 4. Christian walked inside the house to get his dad.
- 5. Kalvin is a great musician and often plays shows around the country.
- \*Make a list of all the prepositions you can think

## PREPOSITIONS VS. CONJUNCTIONS

- Prepositions are connecting words.
- Prepositions are words like: on, over, to, from, about, for, against, with, between, etc.
- In general, a preposition "glues" a noun or pronoun into a sentence.
- That is, a preposition is only able to connect a noun element into a sentence.

 $Preposition = Introduces \ a \ noun \ into \ the \ sentence.$ 

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# Prepositions vs. conjunctions

- Conjunctions are also connecting words, but they can do much more than a preposition.
- Conjunctions are words like: and, but, or, because, then, etc.
- In contrast to a preposition, a conjunction can connect any two like elements together in a sentence.
- Most notably, conjunctions have the ability to connect verbs together.
- This means that conjunctions can connect two sentences together.

 $Conjunctions = introduce\ verbs$ 

## PREPOSITIONS VS. CONJUNCTIONS Practice:

- Decide whether each underlined word is a preposition or a conjunction. Explain your answer
- 1. I want to read a good book beside the tree.
- 2. After we danced, we out for a walk.
- 3. While you were away, you missed lots of work.
- 4. She sent him a text instead of speaking.
- 5. He left the room without talking to anyone.
- 6. The train had to stop because of the weather.

