

English

Comprehension - Parts of Speech

What do I do?

In a comprehension assessment, you will be given a text to read, followed by questions. This text could be from a wide range of styles. It could be a story, poem or a non-fiction passage, such as an information text. Depending on the style of exam paper, you may be asked to write a full answer or choose from a number of multiple options.

Top Tips!

- Read the passage first to get a feel of the text.
- Try to imagine the text in your head and picture what it might look like.
- If you have read the text before (it might be a famous story), try not to rely on what you have read previously. Just answer the questions given and rely only on the text in front of you.

What skills do I need to improve?

You will need to know what each of these words mean and be able to recognise them in a text.

Noun - a person, animal or thing. Proper nouns require a capital letter (*London, table, love*)

Verb - a doing word - an action or state (*run, be*)

Adjective - describes a noun (*blue, fascinating*)

Adverb - describes a verb (*quietly, soon, gradually*)

Pronoun - replaces a noun (*he, she, I, you*)

Preposition - links a noun to another word. They show time, direction, location or introduce an object (*near, down, above*)

Conjunction - joins phrases, clauses or words (*but*)

Determiner - introduces a noun (*my, these, her*)

Interjection - word that expresses emotion - can also be a short phrase. (*oh, oops*)

The Bookshop

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions based on different parts of speech. Choose the best option for each question.

Beneath the shadowy skies of London, I noticed a small, cobbled street. Off the beaten track and seemingly only known to locals, the quiet lull was a welcome change from the bustle of life in the capital.

After an early morning stroll, I decided to visit one of the quaint shops, a bookshop, that hid discreetly within the cobbled street corners and I wasn't disappointed when I stepped inside.

- 5 **Upon entering the shop and I browsed through the shelves and noticed that every inch of the compact library was filled with fascinating books of various genres.**

- 10 **As I looked to my left, I saw a young couple on a cosy couch near the window, immersed in their respective stories. Outside, spots were beginning to form on the stained glass windows, behind the couple, and soon a soothing sound of droplets started their performance on the roof. After a while, I decided to buy my chosen books and left the shop, eager to dive into my new literary adventures.**

Can you name ten proper nouns?
Can you name ten abstract nouns?

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Identify the correct part of speech for each given word.

Questions

- 1 Identify the part of speech for the word 'quaint' (line 3) in the given context.
a) Verb
b) Noun
c) Adjective
d) Adverb
- 2 What is the part of speech for the word 'through' (line 5)?
a) Preposition
b) Conjunction
c) Determiner
d) Pronoun
- 3 Which part of speech is the word 'genres' (line 6)?
a) Verb
b) Noun
c) Adjective
d) Adverb
- 4 Identify the part of speech for the word 'fascinating' (line 6) in the given context.
a) Verb
b) Noun
c) Adjective
d) Adverb
- 5 What is the part of speech for the word 'looked' (line 7)?
a) Preposition
b) Conjunction
c) Determiner
d) Verb
- 6 Identify the part of speech for the word 'cosy' in the given context (line 7).
a) Verb
b) Noun
c) Adjective
d) Adverb

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Identify the word class of the underlined word in each quote.

Questions

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'...near the window, immersed in their respective stories.'

- a) Preposition
- b) Conjunction
- c) Determiner
- d) Verb

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'...near the window, immersed in their respective stories.'

- a) Preposition
- b) Conjunction
- c) Determiner
- d) Pronoun

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'...and soon a soothing sound of droplets...'

- a) Verb
- b) Noun
- c) Adjective
- d) Adverb

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'...I decided to buy my chosen books and left the shop, eager to dive into my new literary adventures.'

- a) Verb
- b) Noun
- c) Adjective
- d) Adverb

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Answers

1. c) Adjective
2. a) Preposition
3. b) Noun
4. c) Adjective
5. d) Verb
6. c) Adjective
7. d) Verb
8. d) Pronoun
9. c) Adjective
10. c) Adjective



Proper nouns require a capital letter: *London, Lucy, Harrods, Tesco, America..*

Abstract nouns are things we cannot physically see such as feelings, ideas and concepts. *love, hate, jealousy, compassion, friendship, luck, evil, freedom...*