

ENGLISH · KS2

# Word Classes

Every word does a job

## Main Word Classes

What each one does in a sentence

- Noun: a person, place, thing or idea (cat, London, freedom)
- Verb: an action or state (run, is, think)
- Adjective: describes a noun (red, brave, tiny)
- Adverb: describes a verb (quickly, well, often)
- Pronoun: replaces a noun (he, she, it, they)
- Preposition: shows position or relationship (on, under, before)
- Conjunction: joins clauses (and, but, because, although)
- Determiner: comes before a noun (the, a, my, this, those)
- Possessive pronoun: shows ownership (mine, hers, ours)
- Modal verb: shows possibility (can, must, should, might)

## Quick Spotting Tests

How to identify each word class

- Noun test: can you put 'the' or 'a' in front? → it's a noun
- Verb test: can the word be in past tense (-ed) or future (will)? → verb



- Adjective test: does it describe a noun? Can you say 'a \_\_\_ thing'? → adjective
- Adverb test: does it tell HOW, WHEN, or WHERE the verb happens? → adverb
- Many adverbs end in -ly (quickly, sadly, brightly)
- Pronouns are short and replace nouns: he, she, it, they, them
- Prepositions answer 'where?' or 'when?' (under the bed, before lunch)

