

Parts of Speech Practice

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully. Write your answers in the space provided. For fill-in-the-blank questions, choose the correct part of speech from the word bank or identify it as directed. For short-answer and essay questions, respond in complete sentences. Be sure to check your spelling and grammar.

1. **Fill in the blank:** In the sentence “*The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog,*” the word “*quick*” is an example of which part of speech?

2. **Short answer:** List the eight parts of speech.

3. **Fill in the blank:** In the sentence “*She walked slowly to the store,*” the word “*slowly*” is an example of which part of speech?

4. **Short answer:** Identify the part of speech of the underlined word in the following sentence:
“*The beautiful sunset painted the sky with vibrant colors.*”

5. **Fill in the blank:** In the sentence “*They are going to the park,*” the word “*they*” is an example of which part of speech?

6. **Short answer:** In the sentence “*The cat sat on the mat,*” identify the preposition and explain its function in the sentence.

7. **Fill in the blank:** In the sentence “*Wow! That was an amazing performance,*” the word “*Wow*” is an example of which part of speech?

8. **Short answer:** Identify the part of speech of the underlined word in the following sentence:
“*The children play in the backyard every afternoon.*”

9. **Fill in the blank:** In the sentence “*The book on the shelf is mine,*” the word “*mine*” is an example of which part of speech?

10. **Essay / Long Response:** Write a short paragraph (3–5 sentences) about your favorite hobby. In your paragraph, use and underline at least one noun, one verb, one adjective, and one adverb. Then, below your paragraph, list each underlined word and identify its part of speech.

Answer Key

1. **Adjective** — The word “*quick*” describes the noun “*fox*,” so it functions as an adjective.
2. **Noun, Pronoun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, Interjection** — These are the eight parts of speech.
3. **Adverb** — The word “*slowly*” modifies the verb “*walked*,” describing how the action was performed, so it is an adverb.
4. **Adjective** — The word “*beautiful*” describes the noun “*sunset*,” so it is an adjective.
5. **Pronoun** — The word “*they*” takes the place of a noun (a group of people or things), so it is a pronoun.
6. **Preposition: “on”** — The preposition “*on*” shows the relationship between the noun “*cat*” and the noun “*mat*,” indicating where the cat is located.
7. **Interjection** — The word “*Wow*” expresses a strong emotion or sudden reaction and stands alone, so it is an interjection.
8. **Verb** — The word “*play*” expresses an action performed by the subject “*children*,” so it is a verb.
9. **Pronoun** — The word “*mine*” takes the place of a possessive noun (e.g., “*my book*”), so it is a pronoun.
10. **Answers will vary.** A sample response is:
“I love to paint (*verb*) in my free time. I use bright colors (*noun*) to create beautiful (*adjective*) pictures. I carefully (*adverb*) mix the paints on my palette. Painting helps me relax and express my feelings.”
Word list: *paint* = verb; *colors* = noun; *beautiful* = adjective; *carefully* = adverb.