

Grammar Toolkit

Classes of Words



- Nouns a 'naming' word, a thing: (a book, love, Dad, a holiday)
- Pronouns replace a noun to avoid repetition:
 (she, he, it, they)
- Adjectives describe a noun: (beautiful, intelligent, red, sunny)
- Verbs a 'doing' word, an action: (to go, to see, to be, to wonder)
- Adverbs describe a verb: (quickly, worse, well,

What is the word class of the underlined words in the sentence below?



The suitcase contained <u>a</u> pair of socks, <u>an</u> overcoat and jeans.

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adjectives	
adverbs	
determiners	
nouns	

Your Task

Write the word class of the underline words. Now find examples of nouns and verbs in the sentence.

What is the word class of the underlined words in the sentence below?

<u>The</u> suitcase contained <u>a</u> pair of socks, an overcoat and jeans.

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Answer

'The', 'a' and 'an' are determiners.

They precede the

nouns. Examples of nouns in this

sentence:

Suitcase, pair, overcoat, jeans.

Examples of verbs: contained.



Dashes



- A dash adds extra information to an independent clause.
- It is less formal than a colon or semi-colon.
- You can use two dashes in the place of brackets in informal writing.

Example:

I like bread – so long as it is not wholemeal.

I like butter —even though it is not meant to be

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick

one.

The woman grabbed her umbrella – it looked as if it might rain.

The woman grabbed - her umbrella it looked as if it might rain.



The woman grabbed her umbrella it looked as if it might - rain.



The woman - grabbed her umbrella it looked as if it might rain.





Your Task

Write the correct sentence.

If you had to replace the dash with a conjunction, what conjunction could you use?

Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Tick one. The woman grabbed her umbrella – it looked as if it might rain. The woman grabbed - her umbrella it looked as if it might rain. The woman grabbed her П umbrella it looked as if it might - rain. The woman - grabbed her umbrella it looked as if it might rain.

Answer

The woman grabbed her umbrella - it looked as if it might rain.

Conjunctions could include:

- As
- Because
- Since

Word Classes



 Sometimes, the same word can occur in different word classes; its meaning may change or stay the same, depending on the context of the sentence:

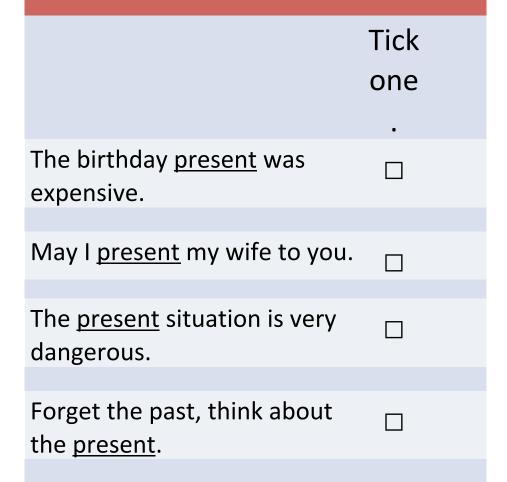
Example:

Watch.

As a verb- I like to watch sports played live.

As a <u>noun</u>—My **watch** is too tight for my wrist.

Which sentence uses the word <u>present</u> as an adjective?





Your Task

Write the correct sentence.

What are the word classes of present in the other sentences?

Which sentence uses the word <u>present</u> as an adjective?

Tick one

The birthday <u>present</u> was expensive.

May I present my wife to you.



The <u>present</u> situation is very dangerous.

Forget the past, think about the present.

Answer

The present situation is very dangerous – present is describing the situation, a noun.

Birthday <u>present</u> – **noun**

May I <u>pres</u>e

verb

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Brackets for Parenthesis



- We can put extra information in our sentence in brackets.
- The extra information is not essential to the main point.

Brackets work well for conversions or when express two types of measures at once:

Example:

The ruler is 12 inches (20 cm) long

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

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The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot) long.	
The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot long.)	
The sandwich is 12 inches (one) foot long.	
The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot long).	
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Your Task

Write the correct sentence.

Now try
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Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Tick one The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot) long. The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot long.) The sandwich is 12 inches (one) foot long. The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot long).

Answer

The sandwich is 12 inches (one foot) long.

With other parentheses:

The sandwich is 12 inches - one foot - long.

The sandwich is 12 inches, one foot, lo

Using capitals for proper nouns of

- Nouns can be classed as either common or proper.
- Proper nouns must always start with a capital letter, but common nouns do not.
- Common nouns are general every day words
- They do not specify a particular person's name, or place:
- A door, the table, a cat, a bird, a worker, a teacher, a pupil.

Which sentence uses capital letters correctly? Tick one. There was a Lion at the zoo. The Nurse said he was recovering well. There is a Birthday Party tonight. The class was visiting Buckingham Palace. mark



Your Task

Write the correct sentence.

Which sentence uses capital letters correctly?

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The class was visiting Buckingham Palace