

Lesson 5

Purposeful Use of Parts of Speech

Learning Goal

I can write with strong nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

As story writers, we need to know the different types of words we can use to write about our characters.

Eight Parts of Speech



Parts of speech:

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
a person, place, thing, or idea	action or state of being	describes a noun	describes a verb or adjective
<i>teacher, restaurant, fence, freedom</i>	<i>called, jumped, is, avoiding, appears</i>	<i>beautiful, dainty, delicious, red, hot</i>	<i>quickly, happily, triumphantly, very</i>

Can you add to this list?

Identify the nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs

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Practice identifying the nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

1. The dogs were dozing in their usual places by the fire.
2. He made me think of a wild creature.
3. The dogs stopped barking and stood quietly.
4. I poured a cup of strong herbal tea.
5. He moved so quickly and quietly.
6. Ezra suddenly stepped off into the underbrush.
7. Molly brought over the soft pouch made of tanned leather.
8. Ezra handed me a basket of dried corn.
9. The tall, thin, oddly clad man twirled in the clearing.
10. Carefully, he added the small streams that came into the big river.

Get ready to write!

Raise your hand if you...

- have ever helped someone cook
- ever eat in the kitchen
- have ever made a sandwich
- know what's in all your kitchen cupboards
- have ever made a huge mess with food
- Have seen food that has gone bad



Write

Write about a moment when your character was in the kitchen. For variety, try to add an adjective for every noun and adverb to every verb you use.

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10:00

Closing

Adjectives can really help show your character. Adverbs can really help describe your character's actions and feelings.

As you continue to write, include adjectives and adverbs to make your writing come alive!