

Parts of Speech

Word Category	Semantic Definition	Question Check
Noun (or noun phrase)	Gives the name of a person, place, thing or abstract concept	Who? What?
Verb (or verbal phrase)	Refers to an action (run), mental activity (think) or state of being (be, have)	Do/Does what? Did what? Will do what? Is going to do what?
Adjective (or adjectival phrase)	Adds information about a noun (modifies a noun)	What kind of? Which?
Adverb. (or adverbial phrase)	Adds information about a verb (modifies a verb)	Where? When? How? How often?

Exercise 1:

Dictionary entries for the word *splosh*

- splosh (1) [splʌʃ] *n* 1 a tropical plant 2 the slimy liquid inside this plant 3 a disagreeable person
 splosh (2) *v* 1 to give out a slimy liquid 2 to move slowly as a thick liquid
 splosh (3) *adj* 1 sticky 2 thick-brained, stupid

Use your knowledge of the parts of speech and the information in the dictionary entry above to determine the correct meaning of *splosh* in the sentences below. Give the part of speech, the meaning and definition number.

- Helen Smith is a splosh.
- The splosh substance was difficult to clean up.
- The fat animal sploshed through the forest looking for food.
- My dog is splosh. I can't teach it anything.
- We went to the rain forest looking for splosh.
- My tropical plant is sploshing.

Exercise 2: Use the form, position and meaning to categorize the underlined words as noun, verb, adjective or adverb.

- The teacher guided the child's hand as she learned to write.
- The guides at the museum give tours every two hours.
- The bank processed my loan application.
- The process of applying for a loan is time-consuming.
- My family is a close family.
- The detective followed the man closely.