Parts of Speech

Definitions:

Noun – the name of a person, place, thing, or idea
Example: The cat is playing with the ball.

Pronoun – a word that replaces one or more nouns
Example: He left us there.

Verb – a word that describes what the subject is, does, or has
Action verbs tell what action a subject is performing.
Example: I always read before I go to bed.

Linking verbs link the subject with another word in the sentence. The other word either renames or describes the subject. The most common linking verbs are forms of the verb “be”: be, is, am, are, was, were.
Example: Greg is my new friend.

Adjectives – a word that modifies a noun or a pronoun
Adjectives usually answer one of the following questions: What kind? Which one(s)? How many? How much?
Example: Misty has beautiful eyes.

Adverb – a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb
An adverb answers the questions: Where? When? How? or To what extent?
Example: Tamara quickly runs to help those who are in trouble.

Preposition – a word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence
Example: In the middle of the night, I was awakened by the sound of a dog barking.

Conjunction – a word that connects words or groups of words
Example: Beverly is kind, gentle, and intelligent.

Interjection – a word that expresses strong feeling or emotion
Examples: Wow! Ouch!