

# Grammar Notes

## Parts of Speech

Nouns Pronouns Adjectives	Verbs Adverbs	Conjunctions Prepositions Interjections
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### Nouns

Definition: *Person*      *Place*      *Thing*

Job: *Subject*      *Object*

- Mr. Fassold threw the bear at the student.
- Mr. Baney taught the students some crazy, brand-new math concepts.
- Katy Perry danced and sang on stage while her back-up singers sprayed the audience with cotton candy.

### Pronouns

Definition: Takes the place of a:

*Person*      *Place*      *Thing*

Job: *Subject*      *Object*

*Examples:* I, me, you, he, it, our, their, her, we, they

## **Remember the rule of "M" for who or whom**

- if the answer to the question can be "him" then use **whom**

Ex. 1- **Who** is Mr. Sturgeon's favorite student?

**He** is Mr. Sturgeon's favorite student.

Ex. 2- To **whom** are you giving a detention?

I am giving a detention to **him**.

- He is going there tomorrow when his mother finishes all of it.
- They are the worst of them all.
- Who is going to eat it?
- With whom did you attend the concert?

## **Verbs**

Definition 1: **show state of being (linking verbs)**

Most common linking verbs: **am is are was were**

Job: **links the subject (a noun) to more information about the subject**

Definition 2: **show action (action verbs)**

Job: **gives information about what a noun is doing**

- Mr. Petersohn lost his pet rabbit, when he broke the door of the cage.
- Mrs. Thorpe is the greatest principal.
- The best movie of 1986 was *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.
- Life moves pretty fast; if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

# Adjectives

Definition: *describes (gives information about) a noun or pronoun*

Job: *Which one?*

*How many?*

*What kind of?*

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are always adjectives!

- Mr. Baney taught the students some crazy, brand-new math concepts.
- Katy Perry, a pop icon, danced and sang on her elaborate stage, while her back-up singers sprayed the audience with fake cotton candy.

# Adverbs

Definition: describes (gives info about) a verb, adjective, or adverb

Job: *When?*

*Where?*

*How?*

*Why?*

*To what extent?*

Often end in \_\_\_\_\_

- Mr. Baney taught the students some crazy, brand-new math concepts yesterday.
- In Episode II, Yoda crazily flipped around Count Dooku while swinging his very brightly colored lightsaber.

# Conjunctions

Definition: words that connect

Job: coordinating - connect like items

**FANBOYS-** *for and nor but or yet so*

Job: subordinating - connect unlike items

Usually introduce adverb information

# Prepositions

Definition: show relationship **(look at the list of prepositions)**

Job: give *adjective* or *adverb* info

Starts a prepositional phrase (which ends with a noun or pronoun)

- place the entire prepositional phrase in a set of parentheses

- I went into the dark armed only with the light of my phone screen.
- In *The Force Awakens*, Kylo Ren battled on Starkiller Base against Finn and Rey during the climactic sequence.

# Interjections

Definition: single words that show emotion and typically stand alone in a sentence with an exclamation point (*Drat! Yippee! Hooray!*)

- Yes! I got tickets to the premiere of the new Star Wars movie!
- Oh darn, Mr. Fassold is only serving soft peanut butter cookies and we all know that crispy ones are better!