

Writing skills PART OF SPEECH: A part of speech (also called a word class) is a category that describes the role a word plays in a sentence. For example, "laugh" can be a noun (e.g., "I like your laugh") or a verb (e.g., "don't laugh").

1–Nouns A noun is a word that refers to a person, concept, place, or thing. Nouns can act as the subject of a sentence (i.e., the person or thing performing the action) or as the object of a verb (i.e., the person or thing affected by the action). There are numerous types of nouns, including common nouns, proper nouns and collective nouns. A common noun is the generic name for a person, place, or thing in a class or group. Unlike proper nouns, a common noun is not capitalized unless it either begins a sentence or appears in a title. It may be defined as a noun that may occur with limiting modifiers (such as a or an, some, every, and my). Examples:

1–Ray likes to hike in the mountains. 2–Ray has climbed Mount Everest twice. 3–A girl rang the doorbell this afternoon while you were out. 4–Gigi rang the doorbell this afternoon while you were out.

In correct: The United States has had four Presidents this century. Correct: The United States has had four presidents this century. Incorrect: in 1789, the tenure of president George Washington began. Correct: in 1789, the tenure of President George Washington began. Proper nouns refer to naming words that are used to denote or classify a specific person, days, months, languages, nationalities, events of historical importance, significant eras and periods, and specific brands (names of companies and organizations), places or things (books, films, songs, and other media) that we always use a capital letter to start a proper noun.

EXs: I've never been to Egypt. The Scribbr Knowledge Base is a useful educational resource. Mr. Smith's class is reading *Much Ado About Nothing*. Her favourite Michael Jackson song was "Human Nature."

Collective noun is a noun that refers to some sort of group or collective—of people, animals, things, etc. Collective nouns are normally not treated as plural, even though they refer to a group of something. The parts of speech are classified differently in different grammars, but most traditional grammars list eight parts of speech in English: nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. 1.2.3.4.5