

## Word Classes

Word classes - Every word belongs to a word class which summarises the ways in which it can be used in grammar. The major word classes for English are: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, determiner, pronoun, conjunction.

Example: *The lazy man walked slowly across the cold yard.*

The – determiner

Lazy –  
adjective

Man – noun

Walked –  
verb

Slowly –  
adverb

Across –  
preposition

The –  
determiner

Cold -  
adjective

Yard - noun

<b>Verbs</b> A word that describes what a person or thing does, such as: run, hit, rain, be, seem, become, grow	<b>Nouns</b> A word that identifies a person, place thing idea or quality, such as: woman, dog, building, London, truth, birth	<b>Adjectives</b> A word that describes a noun, such as: red, bad, giant, hairy, shy	<b>Adverbs</b> A word that gives more information about a verb adjective or another adverb, such as: lazily, easily, abroad, very
<b>Prepositions</b> A word that describes the position of something, the time it happened or the way it is done, such as: under, between, on, after, by	<b>Conjunctions</b> A word that connects, phrases or sentences, such as: and because but for, ir, or	<b>Determiners</b> A word that introduces a noun, such as: an, a, every, this, those, the	<b>Pronouns</b> A word that is used in place of a noun that is a specific person or thing, such as: she, him, mine, we, I, us, me,

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## Guided Practice

Use the following link to remind yourself what each word class is:

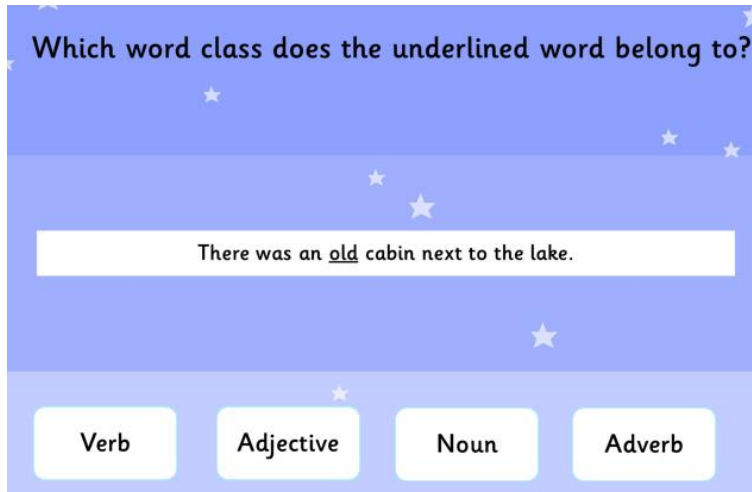
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>

Go through the PowerPoint and practise having a go at identifying what word class each word in the sentence belongs to.

## Independent Practice

### **Challenge 1.**

Complete the 'Identifying word classes quiz'. Select the word class of the underlined word which you believe to be correct. Once you have selected your answer, it will tell you whether you are correct or incorrect.



Which word class does the underlined word belong to?

There was an old cabin next to the lake.

Verb    Adjective    Noun    Adverb

### **Challenge 2.**

Identifying word classes in sentences. Differentiated.

Choose which star sheet you would like to complete 1, 2 or 3 star challenge. The higher the challenge, the more word classes there are to identify, see if you can challenge yourself. Before reading the passage, made a colour code for each word class. Read the passage and identify as many word classes as you can using your colour coding.

The answers are attached underneath each challenge. Try not to look until you have completed the sheet.