

PARTS OF SPEECH

DAY 1

VERBS AND ADJECTIVES

Review the definitions of Verbs and Adjectives

Verb

A verb is as a word that shows action or state of being. The verb is the most important part of a sentence - every sentence has a verb. The first step in understanding the meaning of a sentence is finding the verb. In the sentence Will sings a song, sings is the verb and the word that shows the action in the sentence. In the sentence Will is waiting for his lunch, even though the action doesn't show much activity, waiting is the verb of the sentence. In the sentence Will is a bright boy, there is no action but a state of being expressed by the verb is.

Adjective

An adjective is a word that describes or gives more information about a noun or pronoun. Adjectives describe nouns by size, color, number, and kind. In the sentence, The frisky cat played with the string, the word frisky is an adjective that gives more information about the noun cat. We can add more adjectives to describe the cat as well as in the sentence The frisky, young, black cat played on the carpet. The adjectives do not change the meaning of the sentence, but they do give more information about the cat. Remember, when more than one adjective is used, a comma (,) is used between the adjectives.

ACTIVITY

Collect 10 toys and line them up on a table or desk. On the student worksheet, there is a column for verbs and a column for adjectives. Print the Verb and Adjective Worksheet and have student write a verb and an adjective for each toy. Then write a humorous short story using as many of the verbs and adjectives from the worksheet as possible.

Verb and Adjective Worksheet

VERBS

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ADJECTIVES

DAY 2

PAST TENSE VERBS

Review definition of a verb

Past tense verbs are verbs that can tell about actions that happened in the past.

ACTIVITY

The present tense is used when the action is done today or at the present moment. If the action was done yesterday or in the past, you have to use past tense.

Past tense means adding 'ed' behind the verb. Have student write two humorous sentences using the past tense of two of the following verbs:

Jump
Walk
Laugh
Erase
Scribble

There are special words that change their spelling when they become past tense. Show a few examples: run-ran, write-wrote, sit-sat, go-went.

Have the student write two humorous sentences using these past tense verbs.

DAY 3

HELPING VERBS

There are 23 verbs that can be used as helping verbs in English. Helping verbs help the main verb in a sentence by extending the meaning of the verb.

ACTIVITIES

Have the student write a couple of paragraphs using each helping verb at least once. Highlight, circle or underline each helping verb in the paragraphs.

AM ARE
BE BEEN
BEING CAN
COULD DID
DO DOES
HAD HAS
HAVE IS
MAY MIGHT
MUST SHALL
SHOULD WAS
WERE WILL
WOULD

Play the funbrain.com helping verb game online for fun and practice

<http://www.funbrain.com/cgi-bin/verb.cgi?A1=s&A2=0&A3=1&INSTRUCTS=1>

Word Find. Print out the word find on the next page and have student find all of the helping verbs.

Word Find - Helping Verbs

Find all of the helping verbs listed below.

Word List

AM ARE
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BEING CAN
COULD DID
DO DOES
HAD HAS
HAVE IS
MAY MIGHT
MUST SHALL
SHOULD WAS
WERE WILL
WOULD

F Z L W D L S T U D Y J D C V C O O N F
A N L M I M V H I G L P G K D M G I Z S
M K A T D H N M O U N X R H L D G D U D
J Z H D F V Z U F H W I A R U L P Y M U
L Y S H L Q I S I W R X E Q O M P I F A
M C E N L D S T M J Y E N B W R F F G J
U R N Z I L O C A F Y L N D G I F L T T
A U G V W U Y R Q S V I A F P B H J H O
Z X G R U O U Y I D E R M V G K U C J V
X A B E X H C J L G A I H I S W R Q X Z
V S F D O S S U R X G R H I R O X N W W
Q X Q M Y H O F B H H J D A J Z C J X D
C A H H Q C A E T L X E D W S X J F R L
C X S A S L E V O U A K D Q E V W A S O
N I H H D N V S E M J A I K Q E Y Q Y A
R K D M A E X D L L C W E R E Y H K K U
S Y G P M F O I P A Y Y V B G G L N F F
X F X T Q E Y U N K F T V Y J B R L J V
D B Z K S C Q D Q O U K A A H E O A J X
O E Z B K Z Y E Q Y A V L M N Y M R L P

DAY 4

ADVERBS

Adverbs are words that modify

- a verb (He drove slowly. — How did he drive?)
- an adjective (He drove a very fast car. — How fast was his car?)
- another adverb (She moved quite slowly down the aisle. — How slowly did she move?)

ACTIVITIES

View the YouTube video about Adverbs: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWYmEICNgOQ>

Play the Adverb battleship game online: <http://www.quia.com/ba/8086.html>

DAY 5

Review

Read a page from student's current reading material and have student identify at least one of each:

1. Adjective
2. Verb
3. Helping Verb
4. Past Tense Verb
5. Adverb