Determining Parts of Speech

The way a word is used in a sentence determines what part of speech the word is.

**EXAMPLES**

Will you please find another station on your **radio**? [noun]

The newest **radio** station in town plays country music. [adjective]

We gave a party for **those** of our friends who were leaving. [pronoun]

**Those** friends of ours recently moved to the East Coast. [adjective]

**Before** the pop quiz, we hardly knew what questions to expect. [preposition]

I sharpened the only pencil I had **before** the class began. [conjunction]

**EXERCISE A**

In the following paragraphs, identify the part of speech of each underlined word by writing above it **N** for noun, **ADJ** for adjective, **PREP** for preposition, **PRON** for pronoun, **ADV** for adverb, **CONJ** for conjunction, **V** for verb, or **INTJ** for interjection.

**Example**


**EXERCISE B**

In each sentence below, underline all the words that function as the italicized part of speech given before the sentence.

**Example**

1. conjunction  We lacked neither pen nor paper.

26. **pronoun**  These are your books, and those are mine.

27. **verb**  By the time the bus arrives, Nadine will have been waiting for an hour.

28. **adjective**  When I was little, four hours seemed long.

29. **adverb**  Always remember to accept gifts graciously and to send a thank-you note.

30. **preposition**  In spite of the dry weather, the garden yielded ten bushels of snap beans.