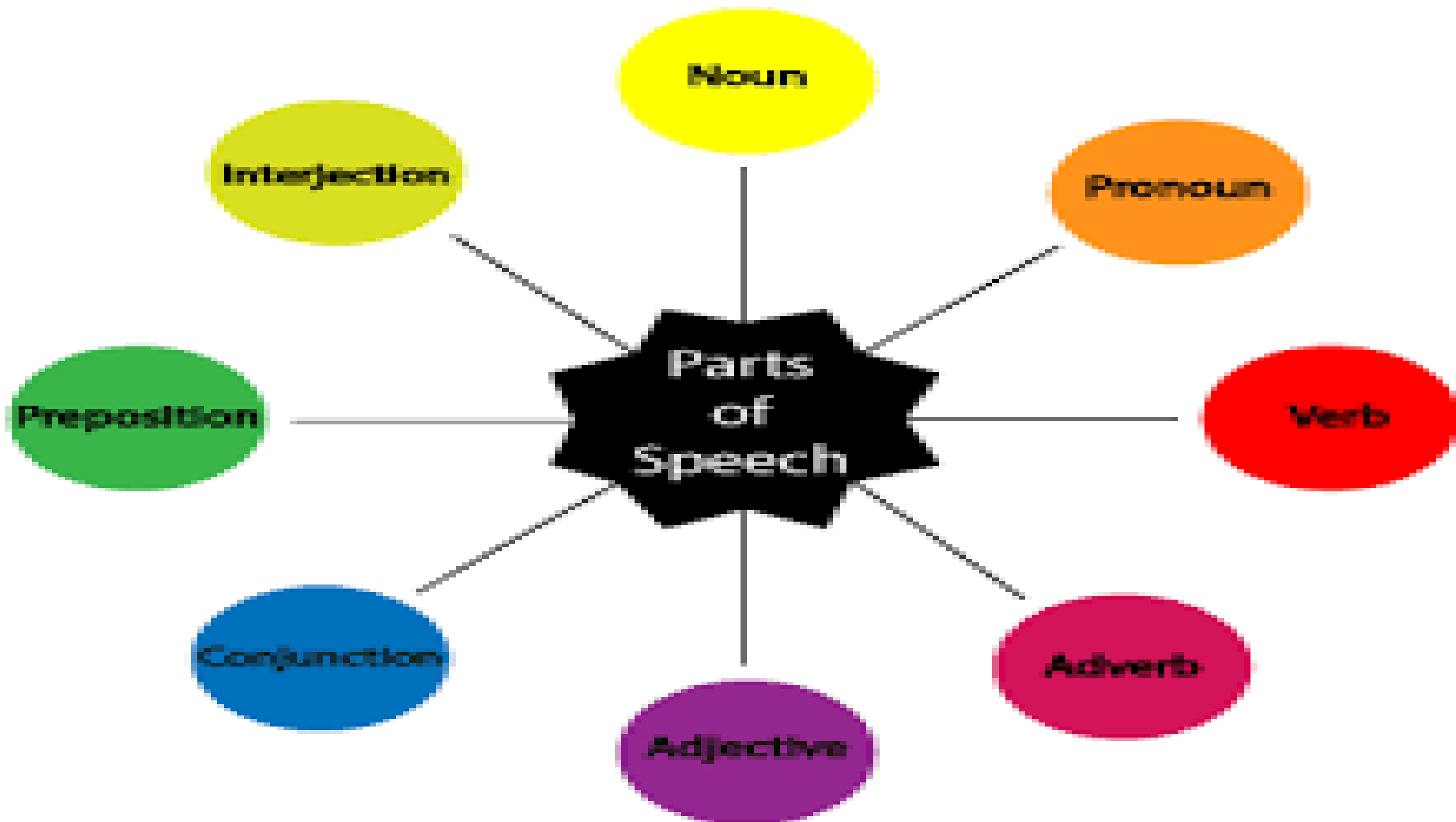


# English as Second Language



## PARTS OF SPEECH

8. Words are divided into different kinds or classes, called **Parts of Speech**, according to their use ; that is, according to the work they do in a sentence. The parts of speech are eight in number :—

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|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Noun.   | 2. Adjective.   | 3. Pronoun.     | 4. Verb.         |
| 5. Adverb. | 6. Preposition. | 7. Conjunction. | 8. Interjection. |

9. A **Noun** is a word used as the *name* of a person, place, or thing; as,

Akbar was a great *King*.  
Kolkata is on the banks of the river *Hooghly*.  
The *rose* smells sweet.  
The *sun* shines bright.  
His *courage* won him *honour*.



**Note.**—The word *thing* includes (i) all objects that we can see, hear, taste, touch, or smell; and (ii) something that we can *think of*, but cannot perceive by the senses.

10. An **Adjective** is a word used to *add something* to the meaning of a noun ; as,

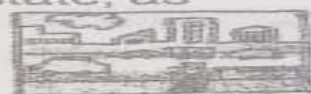
He is a *brave* boy.  
There are *twenty* boys in *this* class.

11. A **Pronoun** is a word used *instead of a noun*; as,

John is absent, because *he* is ill.  
The books are where you left *them*.

12. A **Verb** is a word used to express an action or state; as

The girl *wrote* a letter to her cousin.  
Kolkata *is* a big city.  
Iron and copper *are* useful metals.



13. An **Adverb** is a word used to *add something* to the meaning of a verb, an adjective, or another adverb ; as,

He worked the sum *quickly*.  
This flower is *very* beautiful.  
She pronounced the word *quite* correctly.



14. A **Preposition** is a word used with a noun or a pronoun to show how the person or thing denoted by the noun or pronoun stands in relation to something else; as,

There is a cow *in* the garden.  
The girl is fond *of* music.  
A fair little girl sat *under* a tree.



15. A **Conjunction** is a word used to *join* words or sentences; as,

Rama *and* Hari are cousins.  
Two *and* two make four.  
I ran fast, *but* missed the train.



16. An **Interjection** is a word which expresses some sudden feeling; as,

*Hurrah* ! We have won the game.  
*Alas* ! She is dead.

