

## Quiz 2



OK, now here's a series of simple tests to see how good you are at identifying the various parts of speech. Each part is contained in five sentences. In the first test, mark all of the nouns that you can see. In the next, mark all the verbs, and so on.

### **a) Nouns**

- 1) The day is long.
- 2) My dad loves a good book.
- 3) The dog went to the vet.
- 4) The man ran round the park.
- 5) Teachers work in schools.

### **b) Verbs**

- 1) Dave runs each morning.
- 2) Sometimes I see Dave on my way to work.
- 3) My dog loves everyone he meets.
- 4) We have visited the Taj Mahal.
- 5) I will be finishing my studies next month.

### **c) Pronouns**

- 1) I like chocolate cake.
- 2) Jessica simply ignored her.
- 3) I like this but I don't like those.
- 4) He trusted himself implicitly.
- 5) I don't think much of yours!

### **d) Adjectives**

- 1) The sky was full of twinkling stars.
- 2) He made a clumsy attempt to kiss his date.
- 3) She was impressed by the helpful shop attendant.

- 4) We were put off our dinner by the boorish group of businessmen.
- 5) We basked in the glow of the golden sun.

**e) Adverbs**

- 1) The driver pointed at me angrily.
- 2) The choir sang angelically.
- 3) The man stumbled drunkenly into the doorway.
- 4) She applied her make-up gaudily.
- 5) She fell to the floor, sobbing melodramatically.

**f) Prepositions**

- 1) I stood near the bar.
- 2) The athlete ran round the track.
- 3) We sailed far beyond the island.
- 4) They left during the interval.
- 5) The wolf ran through the woods.

**g) Conjunctions**

- 1) He looked both ways and then crossed the road.
- 2) I'm not going out until the rain stops.
- 3) Either the dog goes or I do.
- 4) He went to the bank in order that he could withdraw his savings.
- 5) Sheila said she would go to the party as long as Kev wasn't there.

**h) Interjections**

- 1) Good grief! There are lots of things to do.
- 2) As she waved, she called out 'Goodbye!'
- 3) When asked if he would pass the exam, he replied 'Yes!'
- 4) 'Encore!' cried out the audience.
- 5) 'Shh!' the librarian demanded of the noisy visitor.



## Quiz 3



Too easy? Well, have a look at the short passage below and then try to label every word correctly.

When ( ) I ( ) was ( ) a ( ) child, ( ) I ( ) loved ( ) to ( ) learn ( ) new ( ) words ( ) but ( ) only ( ) now ( ) am ( ) I ( ) starting ( ) to ( ) understand ( ) the ( ) complexities ( ) of ( ) the ( ) language. ( ) Wow, ( ) thank ( ) goodness ( ) that ( ) I ( ) have ( ) this ( ) book ( ) close ( ) by ( ) to ( ) help ( ) me ( )!



## The Noun's the Thing: Nouns

Nouns are the words we use to name things. Along with verbs, they are the parts of speech we really could not function without. As you'd expect, there are quite a few nouns that work in subtly different ways. The two basic types are:

- common nouns: used to name a person, animal, place, thing or abstract concept. These are subdivided into: