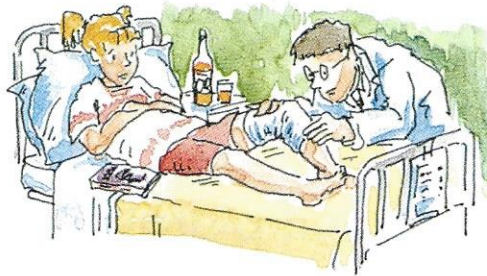


# Unit 1

# Parts of speech

**Grammar** is the study of the way we use words to make **sentences**. Words can be divided into groups called **parts of speech** (or word classes). Six **parts of speech** are **nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, pronouns** and **prepositions**.



He looked carefully at the elastic bandage around Amy's knee.

This is a **pronoun**.  
It stands **in**  
**place of a noun**.

This is an **adverb**.  
It **tells us more**  
**about a verb**.

This is a **preposition**.  
It tells us the **position**  
of one thing **in**  
**relation to another**.

This is a **noun**.  
A noun is a  
**naming word**.

This is a **verb**.  
It describes **actions**.

This is an **adjective**. It is a **describing** word.  
It **tells us more about a noun**.

## Getting started

### 1. Copy these sentences.

**Underline the nouns, circle the adjectives and tick the pronouns.**

- I tripped over the loose floorboard.
- Will she buy the most expensive dress?
- When the old man reached the bench, he sat down.
- Cartoons are popular because they make us laugh.

### 2. Copy these sentences.

**Underline the verbs, circle the adverbs and tick the prepositions.**

- Jamal carefully placed the heavy case on the bed.
- Slowly the tortoise plodded under the hedge.
- Jemma looked at the floor and apologised tearfully to her sister.
- Yesterday the girls went into town.