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The Same Word Used as Different Parts of Speech

There are many words in the English Language which, in the same form, can be used as different Parts of Speech. For example, take the word **Look**. When 'Look' is used in the sense of **View** or **appearance**, it is a **Noun**. When it is used in the sense of **seeing**, it is a **Verb**. We give below some popular words that can be used as different Parts of Speech.

Air —

Noun — Let us walk in fresh air.

Verb — All woollen clothes should be timely aired.

Age —

Noun — What is your age ?

Verb — My father is aging very fast.

Arm —

Noun — He was wounded in his arm.

Verb — We should arm our forces with the latest weapons.

Break —

Noun — There is no break in his service.

Verb — Don't break the law.

Better —

Noun — I always respect my betters.

Adjective — This is certainly a better suggestion.

Verb — We must first try to better our economic condition.

Boil —

Noun — The boil in his arm is bleeding.

Verb — Please boil the soup.

Back —

Noun — He can carry heavy load on his back.

Verb — I will never back a wrong cause.

Bare —

Adjective — He came with bare head.

Verb — Bare your arm before me.

Adverb — He came bareheaded.

Bottle —

Noun — He has broken the bottle.

Verb — They do not bottle the drinks with proper care.

Bell —

Noun — The bell is ringing.

Verb — Who can bell the cat ?

Brave —

Noun — We all respect the brave.

Adjective — Indian soldiers are brave.

Book —

Noun — I am reading a book.

Verb — Please book my luggage by the passenger train.

Bite —

Noun — I haven't had a bite since the morning.

Verb — The dog may bite you.

Close —

Noun — The meeting is soon coming to a close.

Adjective — We should discuss it only among close friends.

Verb — Please close the gate.

Calm —

Noun — You should maintain your calm of mind.

Adjective — The atmosphere is calm and quiet.

Verb — Please try to calm down the mob.

Count —

Noun — Please keep count of the runs.

Verb — He is counting the runs.

Cold —

Noun — I am suffering from cold.

Adjective — The morning is very cold.

Court —

Noun — The courts are closed today.

Verb — They are courting arrest.

Call —

Noun — There is a call for you.

Verb — He will call upon you.

Cut —

Noun — He received a deep cut in the arm.

Verb — Don't cut your programme.

Catch —

Noun — It was a beautiful catch.

Verb — You cannot catch me.

Cane —

Noun — Here is a beautiful cane.

Verb — He was caned publicly.

Chair —

Noun — Please bring a chair.

Verb — The speaker chaired the session.

Cover —

Noun — Please put the cover upon the jar.

Verb — Please cover your head properly in this cold weather.

Deep —

Noun — They are fishing in the deep.

Adjective — It is a very deep river.

Adverb — They have gone deep into the water.

Drive —

Noun — I am going out for a drive.

Verb — He drives the car very fast.

Date —

Noun — What is the date of your birth ?

Verb — The Christian era dates with the birth of Christ.

Desire —

Noun — He has a great desire to be a doctor.

Verb — He desires to pass in the first division.

Doubt —

Noun — I have no doubt about his honesty.

Verb — He doubts my sincerity.

Daily —

Noun — 'The Hindustan Times' is an important daily.

Adjective — This is a part of his daily programme.

Empty —

Adjective — The box is empty.

Verb — Please empty the drum.

Earth —

Noun — The earth moves round the sun.

Verb — Let us earth our hostility for ever.

Elder —

Noun — You must respect your elders.

Adjective — He is my elder brother.

Fast —

Noun — I am observing a fast today.

Adjective — He is my fast friend.

Verb — He has been fasting for a week.

Adverb — He ran very fast.

Final —

Noun — Our team is playing in the finals.

Adjective — This chance is final.

Free —

Adjective — We are citizens of a free country.

Verb — Let us free ourselves from the age-old customs.

Fill —

Noun — We have eaten to our fill.

Verb — Please fill the jar with water.

Fix —

Noun — He is in a fix.

Verb — Please fix up your programme at an early date.

Face —

Noun — Turn your face to the left.

Verb — He faced the situation boldly.

Fool —

Noun — He is a great fool.

Verb — You cannot fool me like this.

Floor —

Noun — They sat on the floor before my office.

Verb — Dara Singh floored down his opponent in two minutes.

Fish—

Noun—They have caught a large fish.

Verb—You cannot fish in this part of the river.

Fell—

Adjective—Cancer is really a fell disease.

Verb—He fell into the well.

Gun—

Noun—This is my gun.

Verb—The police gunned down the absconder.

Help—

Noun—He gave me a very timely help.

Verb—Will you not help me out ?

Hand—

Noun—He raised his hand.

Verb—Please hand over the book to the teacher.

Humble—

Noun—We should help the humble and poor.

Adjective—He is a very humble pupil.

Verb—He is out to humble me in public.

Head—

Noun—He wears a white cap on his head.

Verb—He heads the list of the successful candidates.

Ill—

Noun—I have done you no ill.

Adjective—She is ill.

Idle—

Adjective—He is an idle fellow.

Verb—Don't idle away your time like this.

Know—

Noun—I am in the know of everything.

Verb—Do you know him ?

Kind—

Adjective—He is a kind man.

Noun—Here is another kind of the rose.

Less—

Noun—He cannot be satisfied with less.

Adjective—He pays less attention to his studies than to games.

Adverb—This plot of land is less fertile than the next one.

Little—

Noun—I shall be satisfied with a little.

Adjective—Here is a little gift for you.

Adverb—The river is a little deeper here.

Like—

Noun—I shall never find the like of him again.

Adjective—They are all men of like interests.

Verb—I would like to have a cup of tea.

Light—

Noun—There is sufficient light in the room.

Adjective—I don't appreciate his light talks.

Verb—Please light the candle.

Love—

Noun—I have great love for my country.

Adjective—This is a love poem.

Verb—Every mother loves her child.

Laugh—

Noun—We had a hearty laugh at him.

Verb—Don't laugh at the poor.

Mud—

Noun—There is so much of mud here in the rains.

Adjective—He lives in a mud house.

More—

Noun—I don't want any more.

Adjective—They will have many more chances.

Adverb—He is more intelligent.

Man—

Noun—He is a brave man.

Verb—The ship is manned by trained sailors.

Master—

Noun—He is the master of the ship.

Adjective—We are drawing a master plan.

Verb—I have mastered the whole lesson.

Move—

Noun—The army is on the move.

Verb—Let us now move to the next room.

Make—

Noun—What is the make of your watch ?

Verb—Don't make a noise here.

Need—

Noun—Your need is greater than mine.

Verb—He needs a pen immediately.

Nurse —

Noun — She is a trained nurse.

Verb — Please nurse the baby carefully.

Number —

Noun — Please mark the number on the parcel.

Verb — Please number the articles serially.

Open —

Adjective — I have received an open letter.

Verb — Please open the door.

Poor —

Noun — We must help the poor.

Adjective — She is a poor woman.

Past —

Noun — We know very little of his past.

Adjective — He is a past master in all these matters.

Adverb — He is now past working age.

Pocket —

Noun — My pocket is empty.

Verb — He cannot pocket this insult.

Right —

Noun — This is my own right.

Adjective — He is the right man.

Verb — Can you now right the wrong done to me ?

Adverb — He drove the car right against me.

Round —

Noun — The Principal is on a round.

Adjective — He dug a round hole.

Verb — The police has rounded up all the pick-pockets.

Adverb — I could not bring him round to agree with me.

Preposition — The train goes round the city.

Reach —

Noun — This is beyond my reach.

Verb — I will reach home before sunset.

Run —

Noun — He made fifty runs.

Verb — He will run the 5000 meter race.

Slow —

Adjective — He is a slow writer.

Verb — The train slowed down at the outer signal.

Adverb — He works very slow.

Sound —

Noun — I hear a sound outside.

Adjective — He gave very sound arguments in his defence.

Verb — Please sound the horn.

Spring —

Noun — Flowers grow in abundance in spring.

Adjective — They are bathing in the spring water.

Verb — The monkey springs from roof to roof.

Stone —

Noun — Don't roll down the heavy stone.

Adjective — He broke through the stone walls.

Verb — The witch was stoned to death.

Stand —

Noun — I cannot change my stand.

Verb — Stand in a line, please.

Stay —

Noun — I shall have a long stay in the country now.

Verb — Will you stay here tonight ?

Adjective — The court has passed stay orders.

Second —

Adjective — He is my second son.

Verb — Will anyone second my proposal ?

Adverb — He came second in the race.

School —

Noun — This is a public school.

Verb — He has been very properly schooled.

Adjective — We are school fellows.

Set —

Adjective — I shall follow my set programme.

Verb — The sun sets in the west.

Spear —

Noun — I have a long spear.

Verb — The hunter speared down the boar.

Spoil —

Noun — The thieves have divided up the spoils.

Verb — Don't spoil your child like this.

Skin —

Noun — Her skin is oily.

Verb — The child could not skin the banana.

Silence—

Noun—There was perfect silence in the class.

Verb—Nobody can silence me.

Table—

Noun—This is our dining table.

Verb—The draft resolution has been tabled for discussion.

Touch—

Noun—Even a touch has a memory.

Verb—You cannot touch me.

Turn—

Noun—Take a turn to the left at the next crossing.

Verb—I hope he will turn up in time.

Well—

Noun—There is no water in the well.

Adjective—He is quite well now.

Adverb—It was well done.

Wrong—

Noun—I have done you no wrong.

Adjective—He is following a wrong policy.

Verb—He has certainly wronged me.

Watch—

Noun—I always keep a watch in my pocket. Keep a watch on the children.

Adjective—Where is the watch-dog ?

Verb—He is watching for an opportunity.

Water—

Noun—Please bring me a glass of water.

Verb—The gardner is watering the plants.

Adjective—Lotus is a water plant.

Work—

Noun—I have no work today.

Verb—He doesn't work here.

Wait—

Noun—They lay in wait for the victim.

Verb—I waited for you yesterday.

Walk—

Noun—I go to the park every morning for a walk.

Verb—Let us walk down to the station.

Want—

Noun—There is no want of water in the town.

Verb—I want to purchase a car.

Weekly—

Noun—"Sunday Times" is a good weekly.

Adjective—They are working on weekly wages.

Wear—

Noun—We have a large stock of winter wears.

Verb—He wears a blue coat.