**Parts of Speech**

- **Noun**: a person, place, thing, or idea
  - mom, United States, table, creativity
- **Pronoun**: replaces nouns
  - it, them, he, herself
- **Verb**: expresses action or state of being
  - jump, run, be, smell
- **Adjective**: modifies a noun or pronoun
  - big, red, smooth, happy
- **Adverb**: modifies a verb, adjective, adverb, phrase, or clause
  - quickly, very
- **Conjunction**: joins together words, phrases, or clauses
  - and, but, because, until
- **Interjection**: expresses emotion
  - oh, um, wow, yeah

**Comparing Adjectives and Adverbs**

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<th>comparing 2 things</th>
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| 1 syllable| add -er
|           | smaller
| 2+ syllables| more
|           | more quickly

**Subordinating Conjunctions**

- after
- although
- as
- as long/soon as
- as though
- before
- because
- even if/though
- if
- used to join an independent and dependent clause

**Coordinating Conjunctions**

- For
- And
- Nor
- But
- Or
- Yet
- So
- used with a comma to join independent clauses

**Verb Tenses**

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<td>I answered the question already.</td>
<td>I answer your questions in class.</td>
<td>I will answer your question later.</td>
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<td>I was answering your question when you interrupted me.</td>
<td>I am answering your question; please listen.</td>
<td>I will be answering your question after the lecture.</td>
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<td>I had answered all questions before class ended.</td>
<td>I have answered the questions already.</td>
<td>I will have answered every question before the class is over.</td>
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<td>I had been answering questions when the students started leaving.</td>
<td>I have been answering questions for 30 minutes and am getting tired.</td>
<td>I will have been answering questions for 20 years when I retire.</td>
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**Adjectives and Adverbs**

- **Adjectives** go in front of the modified word and are separated by commas or conjunctions.
  - The short, quick test lasted only ten minutes.
- **Adverbs** are often made by adding -ly to an adjective and should be near the word they modify.
  - The boy ran quickly around the track.

**Pronouns**

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<td>myself</td>
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**Commonly Confused Words**

- **its**: possessive
- **it’s**: it is
- **their**: possessive
- **there**: direction
- **they’re**: they are
- **lie**: lie yourself down
- **lay**: lay something down
- **who**: subject
- **whom**: object
- **to**: preposition
- **too**: also
- **affect**: verb
- **effect**: noun