

IDENTIFYING WORD CLASSES



Read the paragraphs carefully. In the table below, copy a word that matches the word class.

EXERCISE 1

Her sister, Miss Watson, a woman who had never married and who had no children of her own, came to live with her. She hopefully thought that she could change me and make me a better person by educating me and teaching me to spell. She worked with me for an hour until the widow made her stop.

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
ADVERB	CONJUNCTION	PRONOUN

EXERCISE 2

I sat down again feeling very frightened. The house was very quiet. Everyone was asleep. Far away I heard a clock go boom—boom—boom— 12 times—midnight. Then all was quiet again. Soon I heard a quiet “Meyow! Meyow!” outside my window so I answered, “Meyow! Meyow!” as quietly as I could.

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EXERCISE 3

Tom loved jokes and he loved danger. He walked silently into the kitchen and took three candles. He left five cents on the table to pay for them. Then he walked quietly to Jim and took Jim's hat off his head and hung it on a tree nearby. Jim moved a little but he didn't wake up.

COMMON NOUN	PROPER NOUN	CONJUNCTION
ADVERB	ARTICLE	DETERMINER

EXERCISE 4



Match the word classes in the box to the numbers shown in the paragraph.



1
In an old leather bag, Marcy found a number of tin-types of strange looking men and women in old-fashioned clothes. There was ³one picture of a very pretty little girl with ²long curls tied tightly back from her forehead and wearing ⁴a long dress and baggy trousers which reached to her shoe-tops. Then out of the heap ⁵she pulled an old rag doll with only one shoe-button eye, a painted nose and a smiling mouth. **Marcy** suddenly felt very excited.

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Determiner	Pronoun	Adjective
Adverbial phrase	Article	Proper noun

1 ⇒ _____

4 ⇒ _____

2 ⇒ _____

5 ⇒ _____

3 ⇒ _____

6 ⇒ _____