

# Grammar Terms

- Adjective** • A word that describes a noun or pronoun  
Some people like *unusual, dangerous* jobs.
- Adverb** • A word that describes a verb, an adjective, or other adverb; it tells *how, where, or when*  
The new student smiled *shyly*.
- Article** • A word used before a noun to show the singular, or to show a specific or general example (a, an, the)  
I saw *an* article on *the* Internet about *a* new comet.
- Conjunction** • A word that connects parts of sentences, phrases, and clauses (and, but, or)  
I like video games, *but* my sister doesn't.
- Gerund** • A noun formed from the present participle of a verb and *-ing*  
*Swimming* is fun and good exercise, too.
- Infinitive** • The base form of a verb and the preposition *to*  
Ken wants *to become* a marine biologist one day.
- Noun** • A word that represents a person, animal, place, or thing  
*Saturn* is a *planet* with many *rings*.
- Object** • The person or thing affected by the action of a verb  
The teenagers explored the *cave* with a guide.
- Predicate** • A word or phrase that follows the subject and describes a state or action related to the subject  
Cities *seem more mysterious at night*.
- Preposition** • A word used before a noun, pronoun, or verb to show place, time, or purpose  
Sonia got up *at* 6:30 *to* help her dad *in* the kitchen.
- Pronoun** • A word that substitutes for a noun  
Asher Jay is an environmentalist. *She* is a designer, too.
- Subject** • A noun or pronoun that comes before the verb and tells who or what is doing the action  
*David* bought a new computer last week.
- Verb** • A word that describes an action or a state  
Sandra *is* upset because she *broke* her cell phone.