

# Test Your Grammar Skills

## Word Classes in English – Revision

**Content Words** – stressed, with one strong syllable in each\*

Word Class:	Translation:	Example:	More Examples:
<b>nouns</b> concrete abstract	_____	table happiness	_____
<b>main verbs</b> normal** phrasal verbs negative auxiliary verbs	_____	eat wake up didn't	_____
<b>adjectives</b> (describe nouns)	_____	big	_____
<b>adverbs</b> (describe verbs)	_____	quickly	_____
<b>numbers</b>	_____	ten	_____
<b>wh- question words</b> (interrogatives)	_____	what	_____
<b>interjections</b>	_____	Hi!	_____

**Function Words** – not stressed\*\*\*

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<b>auxiliary verbs</b> normal modal	_____	have can	_____
<b>pronouns</b> normal relative	_____	they which	_____
<b>possessive adjectives</b>	_____	their	_____
<b>prepositions</b>	_____	for	_____
<b>conjunctions</b>	_____	because	_____
<b>determiners</b> articles quantifiers demonstratives	_____	the some this	_____

\*apart from phrasal verbs, which are stressed on both parts, or two parts if there are three    \*\* apart from verb 'be' which is not usually stressed as a main verb or auxiliary verb  
 \*\*\*unless they occur at the end of a clause, e.g. 'What for?'