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"A" OR "AN"

It says what
person, place, or thing!
You don't know which one.



A teacher is NOT a
SPECIFIC teacher.



An island is NOT a
SPECIFIC island.



A flower is NOT a
SPECIFIC flower.

"THE"

It says which
person, place, or thing!
You know which one.



The teacher is a
SPECIFIC teacher.



The island is a
SPECIFIC island.



The flower is a
SPECIFIC flower.

MODAL VERBS

It gives the condition
of the verb!



Can gives ability.



Must gives command.



Allowed (may) gives
consent.



Maybe (might) gives
possibility.

THE PREDICATE

It is a complete action
or state of being!



Bought the car is the
complete action.



Is happy for you is
the complete state
of being.

My mom **bought the car.**
My sister **is happy for you.**

THE SUBJECT

It does the full action
or state of being!



My mom DID the full
action.



My sister FEELS the
full state of being.

My mom *bought the car.*
My sister *is happy for you.*

TENSE

It shows when
something happens!



PAST TENSE
Bought shows it
HAPPENED.



FUTURE TENSE
Will buy shows it
WILL HAPPEN.



PRESENT TENSE
Buys shows it HAPPENS.

PLURAL

It counts more than one
person, place, or thing!



babies vs baby
(English)



houses vs house
(English)



you-two vs you
(ASL)



car **three** vs car one
(ASL)

SINGULAR

It counts only one
person, place, or thing!



bear vs bears
(English)



knife vs knives
(English)



just-one vs
side-by-side (ASL)



several vs one
(ASL)

CONJUGATION

It changes the verb to
give more information!



ASL:

you-help-me vs *she-helps-you*
I-vanished vs *it-vanished*
told-you vs *told-me*



English:

they walk vs she *walks*
you are vs I *am*

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THE NOUN

It is a person, place, or thing!



A friend is a PERSON.



The beach is a PLACE.



A sandcastle is a THING.

THE ADJECTIVE

It describes a person, place, or thing!



Clever describes a PERSON.



Warm describes a PLACE.



Tall describes a THING.

THE ARTICLE

It tells which or what person, place, or thing!



A tells what PERSON.



An tells what PLACE.



The tells which THING.

THE VERB

It shows action or state of being!



Swimming is an ACTION verb.

ASL:

Sick is a STATE OF BEING verb.

English:

Are is a STATE OF BEING verb.

THE ADVERB

ENGLISH:
It describes a verb, adverb, or adjective!

ASL:

It describes a verb or adverb!



Fast describes a VERB.



Very describes an ADVERB.



Too describes an ADJECTIVE.

THE PREPOSITION

It shows relationship between two words!



Under shows the relationship between a car and a bridge.



For shows the relationship between a seller and a buyer.

THE PRONOUN

It points to a person, place, or thing!



You points to a PERSON.



It points to a PLACE.



It points to a THING.

THE CONJUNCTION

It connects words, phrases, or clauses!



And connects WORDS.



But connects PHRASES.



Or connects CLAUSES.

THE INTERJECTION

It tags a sentence!



Yes tags a short answer.



I agree tags an opinion.



I'm sorry tags a feeling.