

Classic Classes 1

As you have probably noticed, every headword in the dictionary is followed by one of these words:

*NOUN PRONOUN ADJECTIVE VERB ADVERB
PREPOSITION CONJUNCTION INTERJECTION ABBREVIATION*

These are called **word classes** or **parts of speech**. They tell you what kind of word the headword is and how it can be used in a sentence.

1 Look up the following words and write down the word class each one belongs to:

old	GCSE
onto	ocean
operate	often
or	oh

2 Which word class do these belong to?

horse hospital hockey helicopter hill

3 And these?

come carry calculate choose chew

Word classes are the name for sets of words. Here is a set of adjectives:

adjectives beginning with **g**: {**good, green, glossy, gloomy, gigantic,**}

4 Find a set of five:

- i* *adjectives* beginning with **r**: {.....}
- ii* *adverbs* beginning with **s**: {.....}
- iii* *nouns* beginning with **t**: {.....}