




WORDS AND WORD CLASSES

WORD CLASSES ARE:

- **Nouns**
- **Main verbs**
- **Adjectives**
- **Adverbs**
- **Pronouns**
- **Auxiliary verbs**
- **Prepositions**



**EACH OF THESE CLASSES
COULD BE EITHER **OPEN** OR
CLOSE**

OPEN WORD CLASS

- **It refers to classes that admit new words as members.**
- **The major open classes are nouns and main verbs.**
- **The classes of nouns and verbs are not finite.**
- **They could be increased as discoveries are made.**


FOR EXAMPLE:

• Nouns

Voicemail **laptop** **pixel** **internet**
e-mail **website** **RAM** **newsgroup**

• Verbs

Download **reboot** **double-click** **upload**

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- In contrast, prepositions belong to a **closed word class**.
 - We never invent new prepositions because we never need new prepositions.

NOUNS IN THE ENGLISH SYSTEM

- A noun can be defined as a word used to name a person, place or thing.
- A “**thing**” comprises anything which can be perceived by human senses, or that cannot be perceived but can be thought of.

