

noun

The name of a person, place,
thing or quality

e.g. *Peter; Dunedin; car;*
friendship

adjective

A word which describes a
noun or pronoun

e.g. red rose; rainy day;

the biggest slice of pizza

verb

A doing, being or having word

e.g. I like eating pizza.

He was here.

They have P.E. now.

adverb

A word which adds meaning
to a verb by telling:

How? When? Where?

e.g. She sang sweetly.

He left early. They ran away.

pronoun

A word used instead of a

noun: *I me we us you he*

she it they him her them

possessive pronouns

my mine our ours your

yours her hers his its their

theirs

NB: no apostrophe!

conjunction

A word that joins words or groups of words

*and if but as through yet because
although for*

e.g. bread and butter

preposition

A word which shows the connection between a noun/pronoun and the other words in the sentence

e.g. *The hamburger was on the plate*

alliteration

The use of the same initial consonant sound in words close together

e.g. Marvellous mouth-watering melting moments
(*You hear the enjoyment – mmm!*)

assonance

An internal rhyme where the same vowel sounds are used within words which are close together

e.g. *A stitch in time saves nine*

onomatopoeia

The sound of a word reflects
its meaning

e.g. *splat whoosh zoom*
squeak hiccup

simile

Compares one thing to another - something is *similar* to something, using as or like

- e.g.
- *The water was as clear as crystal.
 - *He eats like a pig.
 - *Shell-like ears.

metaphor

A comparison where one thing is said to be another

e.g. The wind was a torrent
of darkness.

He is a pig when he eats.

personification

Non-human things are given
human characteristics

e.g. The wind moaned in the trees.

Into the Mouth of Hell, into the Jaws
of Death ...