

**We can traditionally group words  
to **organize a system**  
taking into account **three criteria:****

**Meaning**

**Form**

**Function**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Meaning</b>  | <b>Abstract <u>lexical meaning</u></b><br><b>Typical of the <u>class</u></b>  |
| <b>Form</b>     | <b>Typical word-building models</b><br><b>A typical <u>paradigm</u></b><br><b>(form-changing pattern)</b>                             |
| <b>Function</b> | <b>Typical combinability</b><br><b><u>Position and role</u> in the <u>sentence</u></b><br><b>S    P    O        Attr        Adv m</b> |

# NOTIONAL PARTS OF SPEECH

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| Meaning  | + (lexical meaning)  |
| Form     | +<br>word-building models<br>OPEN CLASS<br>+<br>paradigms (variable) |
| Function | optional combinability<br>+<br>S, P, O, Attr, Adv m                  |

# FUNCTIONAL PARTS OF SPEECH

**Meaning**

**+/- peculiar lexical meaning,  
if any**

**Form**

**- no word-building models  
CLOSED CLASS  
- no paradigms (invariable)**

# FUNCTIONAL PARTS OF SPEECH

**Function**

+ **obligatory combinability**  
**with notional parts** **of speech**  
**link of modify**  
**notional parts of speech**

# NOUN

## Meaning

## THINGNESS

*tree, dog, college,*  
*man, student,*  
*movement, arrival,*  
*blackness, beauty,*  
*love, life, mind*

# NOUN

## Form

**-ness, -er, -ship, etc.**

*Laziness, worker, hardship*

**Two categories** (number,  
case)

**Four forms** (N, Ns, N's, Ns')

*Student, students, student's,  
students'*

# NOUN

## Function

### Subject

*Dogs bark.*

### Object

*I like apples.*

### Predicative

*He is a doctor.*



# VERB

## Meaning

**action/ state**

**which can be represented  
as a process**

*Run, walk, live, stand*

# VERB

**Form**

**-ize, -en, -ify**

*Dramatize, fasten, gratify*

**dis-, mis-**

*Dislike, misunderstand*

# VERB

## Form

**Extensive paradigm;**

**a lot of categories:**

**mood, tense, aspect, perfect,**  
**voice, person, number**

*Do, did, have done, be done,*  
*does, be doing*

# VERB

## Function

**V+Adv:** *She is beautiful.*

**N+V:** *Students study.*

**V+N:** *I am a student*

**Predicate:**

*Birds fly.*

*The baby is crying.*

# ADJECTIVE

**Meaning**

**Property of a thing**

*blue sky, a gold ring, a  
clever man, a nice house,  
a logical argument*

# ADJECTIVE

## Form

**-able, -ful, etc.**

*readable, beautiful*

**category of comparison**

*big – bigger – the biggest*

# ADJECTIVE

## Function

**AV:** *An interesting book.*

**vA:** *He is famous.*

**Attr.:** *A funny story.*

**Predicative:** *The puppy is  
funny.*

# ADVERB

**Meaning**

**Property of action**

*She sings amazingly.*

**or of property**

*An amazingly beautiful girl.*



# ADVERB

## Form

**-ly**

*nicely, beautifully, strictly,  
brightly*

**category of comparison**

**(limited)**

*easily-more easily-most easily*

# ADVERB

## Function

**V + Adv:** *She sings amazingly.*

**Adv + Adj:** *A amazingly beautiful girl.*

**Adverbial modifier**

*She sings amazingly.*

# NUMERAL

**Meaning**

**calculation**

**number** *one, two, three,  
four, five.....*

**order**

*the first, the second, the  
third, the fourth, the fifth*

# NUMERALS

**Form**

**-th (order)**

**CLOSED CLASS**

*the fourth, the fifth*

**no categories**

**no paradigm**

# NUMERAL

## Function

## Substitutes

of **nouns** or **adjectives**

*The boy was clever.*



*One of them was clever.*

*An easy task*



*The first task*

# Pronouns

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Meaning</b> | <b>Point at smth</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|



*Take the **book**. **It** is interesting.*



***Mary** is a liar. Don't trust **her**.*

# Pronouns

**Form**

**CLOSED CLASS**

with some **unproductive models**

*myself, somebody*

**In different subclasses**

**different categories**

*I – me, he – him, she – her*

*one – ones, one's, ones'*

# Pronouns

## Function

Substitutes

of **nouns** or **adjectives**

*The **student** is lazy. – **He** is lazy.*



***Boring** books – **those** books*

