

Review 0.7b: Parts of speech and their functions

These are the principal functions of nouns, adjectives, and adverbs in a simple clause.

A **NOUN** may serve primarily as

SUBJECT	<i>Pindar</i> , the poet, wrote songs.
APPOSITIVE	Pindar, <i>the poet</i> , wrote songs.
PREDICATE NOMINATIVE	Pindar was a great <i>poet</i> .
DIRECT OBJECT	Pindar, the poet, wrote <i>songs</i> .
INDIRECT OBJECT	Pindar, the poet, wrote songs for <i>nobles</i> .

AN ADJECTIVE may modify or depend upon a noun in any of the functions mentioned above:

Pindar, a *great* poet, composed *fine* songs.

Pindar, the poet, composed songs for *many* nobles.

AN ADVERB may modify

a VERB	Historians <i>always</i> admired Herodotus.
an ADJECTIVE	Herodotus' works are <i>always</i> interesting.
another ADVERB .	Herodotus is <i>almost</i> always read in history courses.