

Rev 0.7c Parts of speech and functions, 2

These are, in a nutshell, the principal functions of nouns, adjectives, and adverbs in a simple clause.¹

A NOUN

may serve primarily as

SUBJECT



Pindar, the poet, wrote songs.

APPOSITIVE



Pindar, the **poet**, wrote songs

PREDICATE NOMINATIVE



Pindar was a great **poet**.

DIRECT OBJECT



Pindar, the poet, wrote **songs**

INDIRECT OBJECT



Pindar, the poet, wrote songs for **nobles**.

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 **always** admired Herodotus.

an **ADJECTIVE**

Herodotus' works are **always** interesting.

another **ADVERB**.

Herodotus is **almost** always read in history courses.