Sorting words

Look at the four sentences below and identify any conjunctions, determiners or prepositions.

Write each word in the correct place in the table below.

1. The dog hid under a chair because it was afraid.

2. Joe stood behind the tree until the horses went away.

3. Please park your car in the main car park unless it is full.

4. The class walked across the park so that they could eat their picnic.

Word classes		
Conjunctions	**Determiners**	**Prepositions**

Now write two sentences of your own and add your conjunctions, determiners and prepositions to the table above.

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How did you do?

Class spotting

Create a key using different colours below.

Read the passage and shade or underline words in the appropriate colour. Don't worry if you cannot spot all of them, and if you are unsure about a word, use a dictionary to help you.

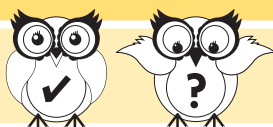| Word class	Adverbs	Adjectives	Conjunctions	Determiners
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Word class	Nouns	Prepositions	Pronouns	Verbs
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Albert was a lovely dog. He was friendly and never barked. In the evenings he slept in a snug basket full of cushions and blankets. He had a beautiful black, glossy coat and a bushy tail that he wagged excitedly whenever a person he knew called his name or stroked him.

Albert's favourite activity was going for a walk in the park next to his house. The park was large, with lots of space to run around in. Many other dogs also went there, and most of them were very friendly. Lots of children went there too, but most of them stayed inside the small area with a fence around it. Albert thought this was a shame, because he loved children very much.

Albert knew that he had a lovely life and could not ask (or even bark) for more. But Albert did not know that his life was about to change forever…

How did you do?

Getting technical

Identify the correct definition in the box at the bottom of the page, and write it next to the correct word class.

Then write some examples of each class.

Definitions	Examples
Adverbs	
Adjectives	
Conjunctions	
Determiners	
Nouns	
Prepositions	
Pronouns	
Verbs	

- give names to people, places, things and feelings.
- help to describe actions or events more clearly.
- can be used before a noun to help describe it.
- describe actions in the past, present or future.
- often describe locations or directions.
- are used to link words, phrases or clauses together.
- take the place of nouns.
- tell us if a noun is known or unknown, general or specific.

How did you do?