1 Word classes
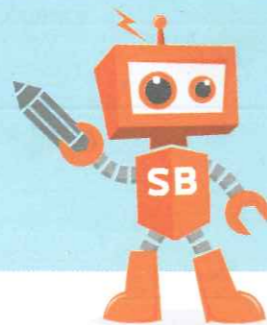
Different words do different jobs in a sentence. These are called word classes.

Word class	Definition	Examples
Nouns	tell you the names of people, places, feelings and things	Rohit, Adrian, Manchester, chair, love
Pronouns	replace a noun to avoid repetition	**He** played on **his** scooter. **That** is the best picture.
Adjectives	give you more information about a noun	the **big** dog a **blue** ball my **younger** sister
Verbs	tell you what is happening in a sentence	She **played** a game. They **are going** to the swimming baths.
Adverbs	explain when, why or how an action happens	I stroked the dog **gently**. She won the match **yesterday**.
Conjunctions	connect words, phrases and clauses	Ruby brushed her teeth **before** she went to bed. **If** it is raining tomorrow, we will need our umbrellas.
Prepositions	show the position of things	He put it **under** the chair. **After** supper we went to bed.
Determiners	always placed before a noun and help to define it	**All** children love to play games. **The** teacher read **a** book.

Activity 1

Using the table below, sort the following words into the correct categories.
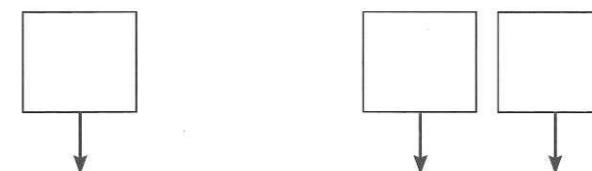
car   played   silently   he   slowly   Zeikel

Mina   you   school   washed   they

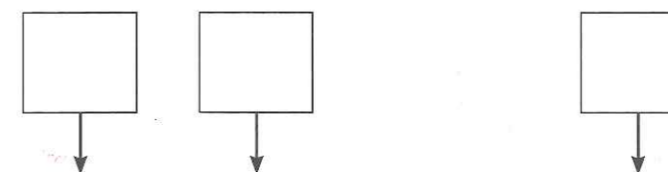| Nouns	Pronouns	Verbs	Adverbs

Activity 2

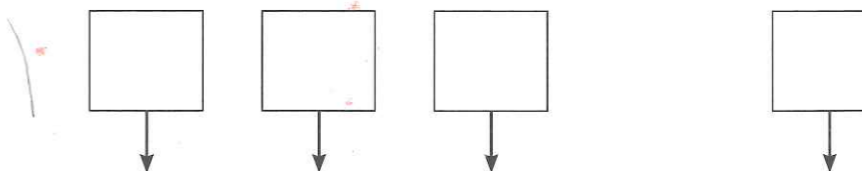Label each of the words below as either a verb (V) or a noun (N).

a)

The lion approached silently as the zebra rested in the grass.

b)

The baker kneaded the dough before leaving it to rise.
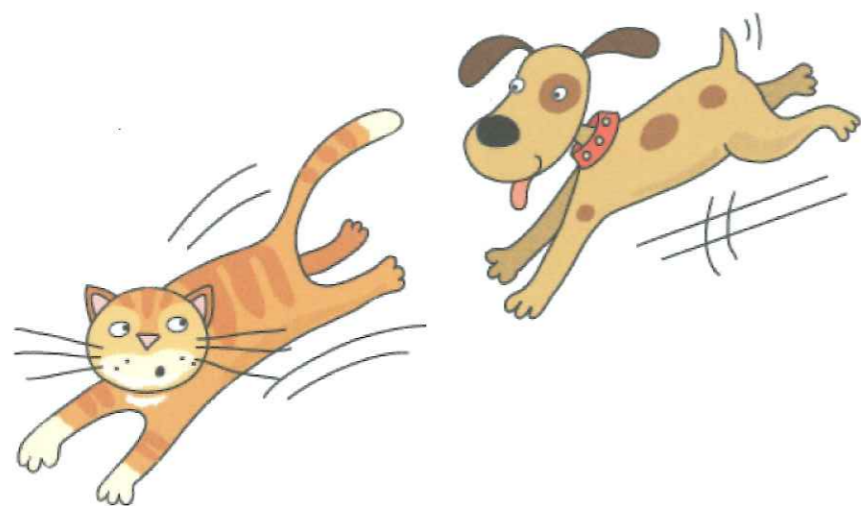
c)

Yesterday we explored the beach and found some beautiful pebbles.

Grammar

Activity 3

Circle the conjunctions in the sentences below.

a) Monique saw it all happen, yet she could not stop it.

b) The river has flooded because it has been raining a lot.

c) Although Adam likes music, he can't play any instruments.

d) You couldn't hear the music when the train went past.

e) My dog goes crazy whenever it sees a cat.

Activity 4

Choose the best determiners to complete the sentences below.

the   a   an   this   most   other   all   that

a) It was _____ enormous castle.

b) It had _____ lake and a tall tower with _____ most amazing views of the sea.

c) _____ doctors are committed to making patients better.

d) I don't want to go to _____ movie!

e) _____ children like to eat pizza.

Activity 5

Tick the preposition that would be best to complete both sentences.

a) The boy took a sandwich _____ his lunchbox.

The postcard was _____ my uncle.

with ☐   beside ☐   near ☐   from ☐

b) You will find the library _____ the supermarket.

The girl hid _____ the chair.

before ☐   behind ☐   near ☐   under ☐

c) The cat sat _____ the bush to shelter from the rain.

James walked _____ the scaffolding.

with ☐   under ☐   near ☐   from ☐

Activity 6

Add a suitable adverb to each of the sentences below.

a) The branches of the trees swayed _____ in the strong wind.

b) Dave kicked the ball _____ into the net.

c) Halima was singing _____ in the shower.

d) Alina waited outside the head teacher's office _____.

e) The rugby team ran _____ into the changing rooms.

f) The passengers _____ fastened their seat belts.

Investigate!

Can you write a definition for each of the word types from this unit (noun, pronoun, adjective, verb, adverb, preposition, conjunction and determiner) and an example of how to use each of them?