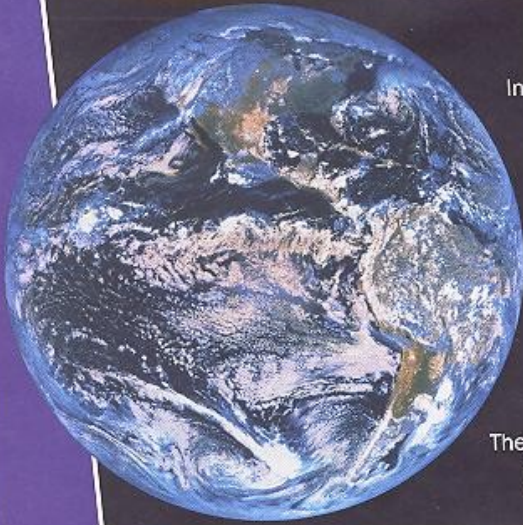


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## Word class and word order

In the world today



In the world today, people speak around **2,700** different languages.

More than **750** million people use the English language.  
But only about **350** million people speak it as a first language.

About **885** million people speak Chinese as their first language.

About **80%** of the information on the world's computers is in English.

There are **26** letters in the English alphabet. The sentence  
*The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog* uses all 26 letters.



Underline the correct option: English is the first language of around 350/750/885 million people in the world.

Answer 350

### Word class and word order

- 1 A noun can be singular (e.g. *world*) or plural (e.g. *computers, people*).  
Examples of nouns are:  
*man, girl* (people)  
*fox* (animals)  
*computer, letter, language* (things)  
*world* (places)  
*success* (qualities)
- 2 A pronoun can replace a noun.  
Examples of pronouns are:  
*I, me, you, she, him, it, we, them*
- 3 An adjective describes a noun.  
Examples of adjectives are:  
*quick, brown, first, different, good*
- 4 Adjectives usually come before the noun.  
*a first language* NOT ~~*a language-first*~~  
  
Adjectives have no plural form.  
*different languages* NOT ~~*differents-languages*~~
- 5 A verb can refer to the past, present or future.  
Examples of verbs are:  
*speak, jump* (actions)  
*be, like, stay* (states)
- 6 An adverb can describe a verb, an adjective or a whole sentence. Examples of adverbs are:  
*carefully, slowly* (adverbs that describe a verb)  
*very, extremely* (adverbs that describe adjectives)  
*however, sometimes, luckily* (adverbs that describe sentences)
- 7 A sentence usually contains a subject (S) and a verb (V).  
*He (S) won (V).*  
*Williams (S) was (V) the winner.*  
*Our team (S) is playing (V) in the big stadium.*
- 8 Many sentences contain an object (O). In these sentences the word order is SVO.  
*She (S) won (V) the race (O).*
- 9 Adverbs which describe a verb usually come at the end of a sentence.  
*My brother speaks English quickly.*

## Practice

**A** Find examples of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in the following sentences and write them below.

- The alphabet has 26 letters.
- 750,000,000 people use the language.
- It has five vowels: a, e, i, o and u.
- The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.
- He studied the new words very carefully.

Nouns: alphabet, letters,

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Adjectives: \_\_\_\_\_

Verbs: has,

Adverbs: \_\_\_\_\_

**B** What is the subject in each of the sentences in Exercise A?

- the alphabet                      2 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_                                  4 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Complete the sentences with an appropriate word. Use the part of speech in brackets.

- He's a happy child – he's always smiling. (adjective)
- \_\_\_\_\_ loves her. (pronoun)
- She \_\_\_\_\_ to the pool every Saturday. (verb)
- Can you speak more \_\_\_\_\_? I can't understand you. (adverb)
- They're both very \_\_\_\_\_ and thin. (adjective)
- Luckily, the weather is \_\_\_\_\_ good. It has been sunny all week. (adverb)
- I study at school. I'm a \_\_\_\_\_. (noun)
- My teacher \_\_\_\_\_ really good stories. (verb)
- They work at the \_\_\_\_\_. They're nurses. (noun)
- My cousins live in Brazil. \_\_\_\_\_ speak Portuguese. (pronoun)

**D** Make sentences by putting the words in the correct order.

- walks / he / quickly ..... He walks quickly.
- we / speak / Russian .....
- a / woman / strange / is / she .....
- very badly / drives / my aunt .....
- they / live / in this street .....
- he / two brothers / has .....
- the dog / my sandwich / ate .....
- we / film / the / new / saw .....

## MY TURN!

Use the words in the box to complete the table below.

	adjectives	adverbs	nouns	pronouns	verbs
1			nouns		
2					I they we
3					beautiful crazy purple small <u>stripy</u> tall ugly wonderful young
4					be dance eat go have watch win
5					angrily happily quickly quietly sadly slowly

Now use the words from the table to make ten or more sentences and write them in your notebook. Use the verb in any appropriate tense. Your sentences must be correct but they can be crazy!  
Example: *The tall man ate his pizza slowly.*



## MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- My sister and I love computer games. \_\_\_\_\_ all the time. a We play them b Them play we c Play we them
- My uncle speaks four \_\_\_\_\_ . a different languages b languages differents c differents languages
- My mother is Spanish and my father is Japanese, but \_\_\_\_\_ both speak English with me. a we b them c they
- I like the book and my friend likes \_\_\_\_\_ too. a book b him c it
- Cat, rabbit, dog and snake are \_\_\_\_\_. a adverbs b nouns c pronouns

## **Answer key**

### **Practice**

**A** Nouns: people, language, vowels, fox, dog, words

Pronouns: it, he

Adjectives: quick, brown, lazy, new

Verbs: use, has, jumps, studied

Adverbs: very carefully

**B** 2 750,000,000 people, 3 It, 4 The quick brown fox, 5 He

### **C Possible answers**

2 He, 3 goes / comes, 4 slowly, 5 tall, 6 very, 7 student, 8 tells, 9 hospital, 10 They

**D** 2 We speak Russian.

3 She is ('s) a strange woman.

4 My aunt drives very badly.

5 They live in this street.

6 He has two brothers.

7 The dog ate my sandwich.

8 We saw the new film.

### **My Turn!**

2 pronouns, 3 adjectives, 4 verbs, 5 adverbs

### **Possible answers**

The ugly giraffe danced happily.

The beautiful woman watched the purple moon sadly.

The stripy spider went to Morocco slowly.

We won a crazy tennis match quickly.