

Elementary NT Greek (3351): Homework 2

One of the leading problems I've noticed that students face concerns the struggle between learning grammar in a new language, and the lack of remembering (or knowing) one's own native grammatical structures. As such, this Homework is meant to both reestablish old habits, and to clarify the basic elements of English grammar, as a way to help set you up for learning Greek grammar. It might seem pedantic to have you do these simple exercises, but from past experience, you may eventually be surprised at how helpful this could prove to be.

Here is a description of the basic *parts of speech*:

“Traditional grammar classifies words based on eight parts of speech: the verb, the noun, the pronoun, the adjective, the adverb, the preposition, the conjunction, and the interjection. Each part of speech explains not *what* the word is, but *how* the word is used. In fact, the same word can be a noun in one sentence and a verb or adjective in the next. The next few examples show how a word's part of speech can change from one sentence to the next, and following them is a series of sections on the individual parts of speech, followed by an exercise.”¹

Exercises:

a. Look up the 8 main Parts of Speech and write out a brief description of each.

b. Identify the part of speech of the highlighted word in each of the following sentences and circle the correct answer:

c. Begin learning the declension for the definite article, paying special attention to the *gender*, *case*, and *number*. Start by copying out the paradigm, and making sure you know where everything goes. This is VERY important, and will be a concept that is ubiquitously used.

¹ Heather McFadyen, University of Ottawa; <http://www.writingcentre.uottawa.ca/hypergrammar/partsp.html>

The clown chased a dog around the **ring** and then fell flat on her face.

Verb	Adverb
Noun	Preposition
Pronoun	Conjunction
Adjective	Interjection

The geese **indolently** waddled across the intersection.

Verb	Adverb
Noun	Preposition
Pronoun	Conjunction
Adjective	Interjection

Yikes! I'm late for class.

Verb	Adverb
Noun	Preposition
Pronoun	Conjunction
Adjective	Interjection

Bruno's **shabby** thesaurus tumbled out of the book bag when the bus suddenly pulled out into traffic.

Verb	Adverb
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Mr. Frederick angrily **stamped** out the fire that the local hooligans had started on his verandah.

Verb

Adverb

Noun

Preposition

Pronoun

Conjunction

Adjective

Interjection

Later that summer, she asked herself, "What was **I** thinking of?"

Verb

Adverb

Noun

Preposition

Pronoun

Conjunction

Adjective

Interjection

They wondered if there truly was honor **among** thieves.

Verb

Noun

Pronoun

Adjective

Adverb

Preposition

Conjunction

Interjection