

This Power Point is about
the word classes:

PREPOSITIONS and

ARTICLES

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“WORD CLASS” means
describing the types of
word in a sentence

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Look at this example:

The huge spider silently crept across its silvery web.

Each word in this sentence
does a job. It belongs to a
WORD CLASS.

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PREPOSITIONS

The huge spider silently crept **across** its silvery web.

The word highlighted in
orange is a **PREPOSITION**.

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A **preposition** links other words in a sentence by describing position, time, direction or agent.

He was born **in** 1982.

The new supermarket is **next to** the car park.

Foolishly, they ran **towards** the cliff edge.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is written **by** Roald Dahl.

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There are several types of **preposition**

Prepositions of Time	Prepositions of Place
on Monday at 12:00 in January until 4:30	next to the door between the tables on the wall under the bridge
Prepositions of Direction	Prepositions of Agent
towards the river through the streets to the house	written by Shakespeare filled with water

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ARTICLES

The huge spider silently crept across its silvery web.

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pink is an **ARTICLE**.

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An **article** describes a noun. It comes before a noun or noun phrase.

A book was on **the** chair.

Billy chewed **a** small sweet.

An apple fell from **a** tree.

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There are two types of **article**

Definite Article: <i>the</i>	Indefinite Article: <i>a</i> or <i>an</i>
It refers to a particular noun: <i>I would like to buy the book.</i> <i>I chose the orange.</i>	It refers to any noun <i>I would like to buy a book</i> <i>I chose an orange.</i>

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an comes before a
word beginning with
a vowel

An eagle swooped down to catch **a** rabbit.

a comes before a
word beginning with
a consonant

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ARTICLES

a means any book

Give me **a** book!

the means a particular book

Give me **the** book!

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SUMMARY

- > **Prepositions** describe place, time, direction or agent
- > **Articles** describe nouns
- > The Definite **Article** = *the*; it describes a particular noun
- > The Indefinite **Article** = *a* or *an*; it describes a noun in general