

Rules for Part 5 'Parts of Speech' items

• A. NOUN

- 1. The **subject** is a <u>noun</u>, <u>noun phrase</u>, or <u>pronoun</u>.
- 2. We need a noun, noun phrase <u>after</u> an <u>article</u>, a <u>possessive adjective</u>,
 - a **transitive verb** (=one that <u>takes</u> an <u>object</u>) and a **preposition**
 - e.g. a car/ my car/ He bought a car. Look at the car!

• B. ADJECTIVE

- 1. <u>Adjectives</u> come **before** a noun.
 - e.g. a popular car a small Japanese car
- We put an adjective together with two or more words to modify a noun behind the noun.
 - e.g. a car popular among business executives
- 3. An adjective comes **<u>after</u>** the **<u>be</u>** verb</u> and other **<u>linking</u>** verbs.

e.g. The car is expensive. The car **looks** expensive.

• C. ADVERB

- 1. Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, sentences, and other adverbs.
 - e.g. The meeting went **well**. They were **extremely** happy.
- 2. Adverbs typically answer questions such as *how?*, *in what way?*, *when?*, *where?*, and *to what extent?*