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Syntax of Sentences

Identify the part of speech for each word in the following sentence

1. Kim becomes angry when she receives spam messages
2. Ryan was upset, but he quickly solved the problem.
3. They worked carefully on a big project.
4. Kim and Ryan prepared two persuasive proposals.
5. Wow! The work for the project is very hard.

Answers

1. Kim (noun) becomes (verb) angry (adjective) when (conjunction) she (pronoun) receives (verb) spam (adjective) messages (noun)
2. Ryan (noun) was (verb) upset (adjective) but (conjunction) he (pronoun) quickly (adverb) solved (verb) the (article-adjective) problem (noun)
3. They (noun) work (verb) carefully (adverb) on (preposition) a (article-adjective) big (adjective) project (noun)
4. Kim (noun) and (conjunction) Ryan (noun) prepared (verb) two (adjective) persuasive (adjective) proposals (noun)
5. Wow! (interjection) The (adjective – article) work (noun) for (preposition) the (adjective-article) project (noun) is (verb) very (adverb) hard (adjective)

Name the part of speech of each of the italicized word in the following sentences

1. *Still* waters run deep.
2. We are *still* waiting for him. They arrived soon *after*.
3. He told us all *about* the battle.
4. The thief was hiding *behind* the door.
5. Suddenly one of the wheels of the car came *off*.
6. Muslims *fast* in the month of Ramzan.
7. He kept the *fast* for a week.
8. He is on the *jury*.



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9. He was playing *while* I was working.
10. The scale *broke* while I was weighing myself.
11. It was a sunset of great *beauty*.

Answers

1. Still – adjective; it modifies the noun waters.
2. Still – adverb; it modifies the verb 'are waiting'.
3. After – adverb; it modifies the verb arrived.
4. About – preposition; it shows the relation between 'the battle' and other words in the sentence.
5. Behind – preposition
6. Off – adverb; it modifies the verb came.
7. Fast – verb
8. Fast – noun; the noun fast acts as the object of the verb kept
9. Jury – collective noun
10. While – conjunction; it connects the two clauses 'He was playing' and 'I was working'.
11. Broke – verb
12. Beauty – abstract noun (An abstract noun refers to a quality or feeling that we can only experience.)

Answers

In each of the sentences given below, a word is given in bold text. Identify the part of speech.



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1. He is an old **friend** of mine.
 - a) Verb
 - b) Noun
 - c) Adverb
 - d) Adjective

2. I was **pleasantly** surprised when she showed up at the door unannounced.
 - a) adverb
 - b) adjective
 - c) verb
 - d) conjunction

3. I never expected that I would win the **first** prize so I couldn't believe my ears when they announced my name as the winner.
 - a) Adverb
 - b) Adjective
 - c) Verb
 - d) Noun

4. Everybody hates him for his **repulsive** looks.
 - a) Verb
 - b) Adjective
 - c) Adverb
 - d) Noun

5. John came **later** than Peter.
 - a) Adjective
 - b) Adverb
 - c) Verb
 - d) Noun

6. I think the **latter** part of the film is more interesting than the former part.



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- a) Adverb
- b) Adjective
- c) Conjunction
- d) Preposition

7. I am going to make an **early** start so that I won't get stuck in the traffic.

- a) Adverb
- b) Adjective
- c) Verb
- d) Noun

8. It is **more** expensive to travel on Friday, so I will leave on Thursday evening.

- a) Adverb
- b) Adjective
- c) Preposition
- d) Conjunction

9. The baby does not **resemble** either of its parents.

- a) Verb
- b) Adverb
- c) Adjective
- d) Pronoun

10. In my opinion, she should have resigned **earlier**.

- a) Adverb
- b) Conjunction
- c) Preposition
- d) Adjective

11. I was **distressed** to hear about his death.

- a) Verb
- b) Adjective



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- c) Adverb
- d) Noun

12. That policeman is a friend of **mine**.

- a) Adjective
- b) Noun
- c) Pronoun
- d) Verb

13. I would **prefer** to spend the weekend at home rather than drive all the way to a beach resort.

- a) Verb
- b) Adverb
- c) Adjective
- d) Noun

14. A friend of mine has just invited me **to** Italy.

- a) Conjunction
- b) Preposition
- c) Verb
- d) Pronoun

15. I prefer making toys **for** my children rather than buying them in the toy store.

- a) Conjunction
- b) Preposition
- c) Adverb
- d) Noun

Answers

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| 1. Noun | 2. Adverb | 3. Adjective | 4. Adjective | 5. Adverb |
| 6. Adjective | 7. Adjective | 8. Adverb | 9. Verb | 10. Adverb |



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11. Verb 12. Pronoun 13. Verb 14. Preposition 15.
Preposition