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for our sentences. It is important to understand how each part of speech functions in a sentence because, combined with proper punctuation, the use and misuse of words create the meaning in your writing.

Nounsare people, places, or things. They often function as the subjects and objects in sentences. Nouns are classified in several different ways:

Proper nouns: Jennifer Lawrence, California, Chipotle	Concrete nounsdesk, house, tree, computer
Common nounscomputer, classroom, essay	Abstract nouns peace, happiness, loneliness
Collective nounsfamily, team, jury, herd	

In the example sentence below, The Writer's Resource Lab is a noun acting as a subject (the noun performing the action), and individualized writing instruction is a noun acting as an object (the noun receiving the action)

x TheUniversity Writing Centeregularly offers individualized writing instruction

Averb is an action performed or a state of beingelow, offers is the verb, the action being performed.

x TheUniversity Writing Center regularb/fersindividualized writing instruction

An adverbis aword that modifies a verb or sometimes adjectives and other adverbs. Adverbs usually end in –ly. In the example sentence below, regularly an adverb because it describes the verb "offers."

x TheUniversity Writing Center regularb/ffers individualized writing instruction.

Adjectivesare words that modify (describe) nouns or pronouAttributive adjectivesappear before the noun. Predicative adjectivesappear in the predicate of a sentence and are not followed by nouns; instead, they are complements of the copula be function that links predicative adjectives to nouns using helping verbs.

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