

■ object

The object of a verb is a noun or a pronoun which is affected by the action of the verb.

*I found **the keys**.* (direct object)

*I spoke **to him**.* (indirect object)

*I gave **him the keys**.* (indirect object + direct object)

■ participle

A participle is a form of the verb which can be used with other verbs, or as a noun or an adjective.

*I like **visiting** foreign countries.* (present participle)

*She has **finished** her work.* (past participle)

***Skiing** is exciting.* (present participle used as noun)

*He had a **broken** leg.* (past participle used as adjective)

■ particle (see modal particle)

■ passive (see voice)

■ person

'Person' is a way of classifying verb forms and pronouns.

*I **live** in London.* (first person verb and pronoun)

*She **lives** in New York.* (third person verb and

pronoun)

Singular

I (first person)

you (second person)

he, she, it (third person)

Plural

we (first person)

you (second person)

they (third person)

■ plural (see number)

■ possessive

A possessive is a word which shows ownership or possession.

my, your, his, her, ... (possessive adjectives)

mine, yours, his, hers, ... (possessive pronouns)

■ prefix

Prefixes are syllables placed in front of a word which can add to or change its meaning.

***anti**body, **mis**understand, **un**fair*

■ preposition

Prepositions are words such as *at, to, from, until*, which show the relationship between a noun or a pronoun and the rest of the sentence. Their position within the sentence occasionally varies in German.

gegenüber** dem Bahnhof, dem Bahnhof **gegenüber

■ pronoun

A pronoun is a word which is used instead of a noun, sometimes to avoid repeating that noun.

*She lent **me** the car. I hurt **myself**.*

*My phone isn't working, can I use **yours**?*

There are several categories of pronouns, including personal pronouns (*I, you, he, she, ...*), reflexive pronouns (*myself, yourself, ...*) and possessive pronouns (*mine, yours, ...*).

■ singular (see number)

■ subject

The subject of a sentence is the word or phrase which represents the person or thing carrying out the action of the verb.

***Tom** is learning German.*

***My best friend** is coming tonight.*

■ subjunctive (see Konjunktiv)

■ suffix

Suffixes are syllables added to the end of a word which change that word into a different part of speech.

tenderness; radicalize; beautiful

■ superlative (see adjective)