

WORDS

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Introduction

- A word is a single distinct meaningful element of speech or writing to form a sentence, and separated by a space in writing.
- For ex., He words his request in a particularly ironic way.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

All the underlined items in the sentence given above are words (total words 9).

Objectives & Outcomes

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- To enable the students learn about words.
- To acquaint the students with type of words.

- **Outcomes**

- The students are able to use words in speech and writing properly.

Types of Words

- **Two types:** (a) Open words and (b) Closed words
- **Open words**
 - 1. Nouns
 - 2. Verbs
 - 3. Adjectives
 - 4. Adverbs
- **Closed words**
 - 1. Pronouns
 - 2. Determiners
 - 3. Auxiliaries
 - 4. Conjunctions
 - 5. Preposition
 - 6. Interjections
 - 7. Enumerators

Open Words and Closed Words

- Open words
- Open words are also called Dictionary Words. Open words are called so because entry to these words is open.
- In other words, we keep inventing open words in accordance with our needs. For example, the word **'blackbox'**.
- Closed words
- Closed words are Structural Words. They are called so because entry to these words is closed. We rarely invent these words.
- In other words, the membership of the closed word class is fairly fixed. For example, **'in'**, **'his'**, **'oh'**, etc.