



ENG3B04 English Grammar and Usage



Parts of Speech

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According to their nature and function, words are divided into eight classes .

1. Noun
2. Pronoun
3. Adjective
4. Verb
5. Adverb
6. Preposition
7. Conjunction
8. Interjection

Noun

1. *Gandhiji* is the *Father* of
the *Nation*

2. *India* is the biggest
democracy in the *world*

3. *Money* is the *root* of all
evil

Persons, Places, things

Thing

- Something that can be seen and touched (concrete)
- Something that can only be thought of and not seen and touched (abstract)

Pronoun

1. Hari said that **he** was a good swimmer
2. When Gopal hit the dog, **it** bit **him** with its sharp teeth
3. Mary told **her** parents that **they** should not force **her** to marry Francis

1. **He** for Hari
2. **It** for dog
3. **They** for parents and **her** for Mary

Word used instead of a
Noun

Adjective

1. He is an *eloquent*
speaker

2. I have *many* friends in
Delhi

3. Sita is *clever* and
industrious

Qualify certain nouns which
follow or precede and adds
something.

Quality

Number

Verb

1. The thief *jumped* over the wall.

2. The sun *sets* in the west.

3. This year the winter *is* very *severe*.

Describe the action or condition of the subject

- What the subject does,
- What happens to it,
- What it is

Adverb

1. Copy this out

carefully

2. These shoes are

too big for me

3. He ran *very* fast

They modify, or add something to the meaning of a verb (copy), an adjective (big) or an adverb (very).

Preposition

1. I put it *in* the box
2. The monkey climbed
up the tree
3. The horse galloped
around the field

- ❑ Shows how nouns are related to other words in the sentence
- ❑ It is a word which is usually placed before a noun or pronoun to show the latter's relation to some other word in the sentence

Conjunction

He works hard to earn his
bread *and* butter

To fight *or* give up – that is
what we have to decide

Though I like him, I cannot
excuse his offence

□ Link words or joining
words

□ Link together words
phrases and clauses.

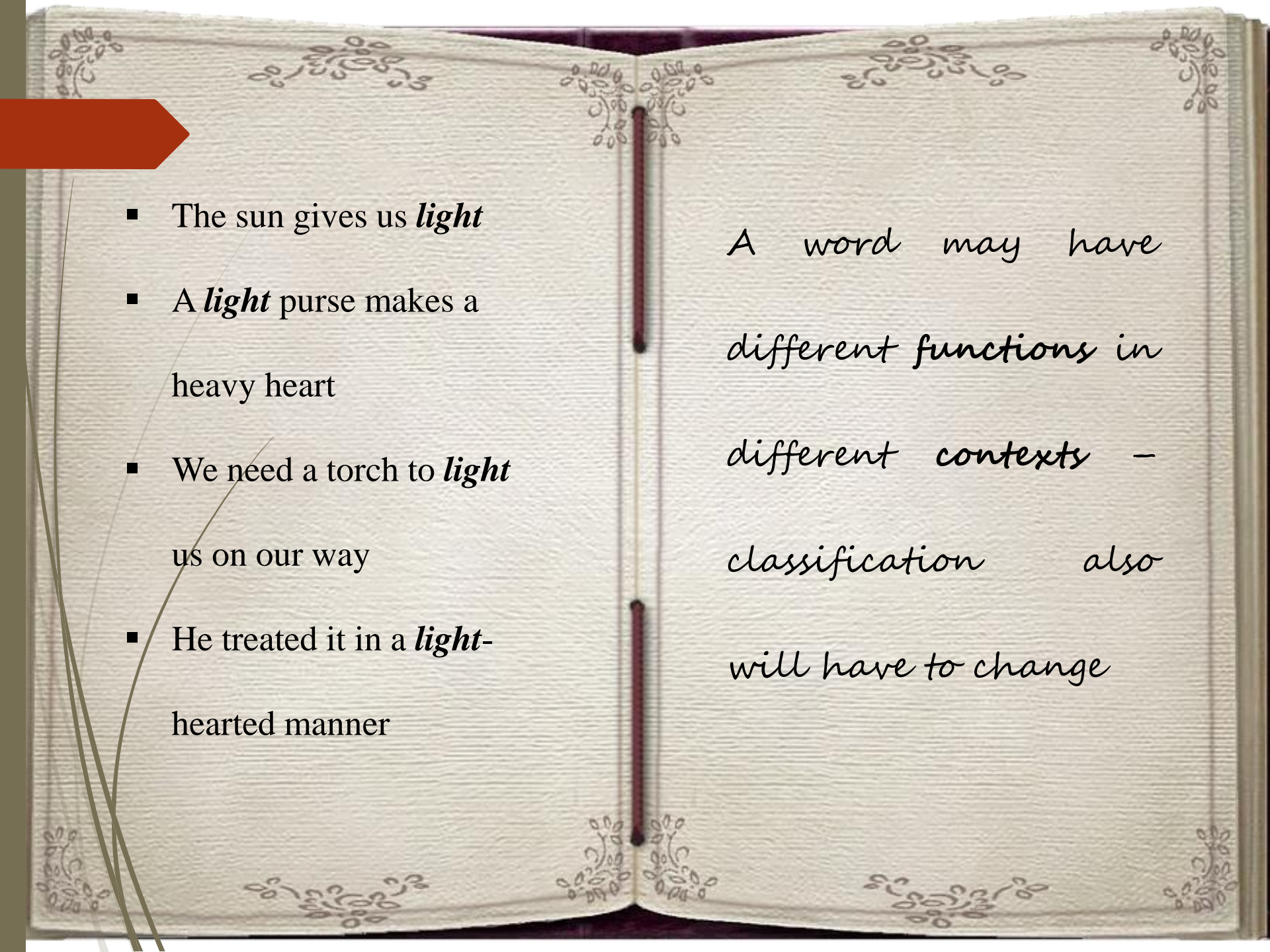
Interjection

Oh! I have lost my
purse

Alas! The poor woman
died in the hospital

Hurrah! We have a
holiday tomorrow

- ❑ ‘interjected’ or ‘thrown in’
to express a sudden emotion.
- ❑ No grammatical relation to
the rest of the sentence
- ❑ Word of exclamation,
expressing a sudden feeling
or excitement

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- The sun gives us *light*
 - A *light* purse makes a heavy heart
 - We need a torch to *light* us on our way
 - He treated it in a *light*-hearted manner

A word may have different functions in different contexts - classification also will have to change