

Unit 10 - Parts of Speech

Lesson 3 - Changing functions of words

Activity

Follow up from the homework. Put a dictionary between two students and have them look up some of their own commonly used English words to find the derivation. Share them with the class.

Have all of the pairs look up the word **beauty**. What is the derivation?

Now ask them to look before and after the word beauty in the dictionary to see if it changes into words with different functions.

e.g. *beautiful, beautify*

Discuss

- Words within a language can change their endings to be used in different ways. We can change the noun beauty into the adjective beautiful to describe a noun or into the verb beautify to do an action.
- These different forms of a word are different parts of speech. Each part of speech has its own function.
- Dividing words into different parts of speech is the most basic way of starting to look at what words can do, what their different roles are in a sentence.
- Almost every language divides all of its words into the same parts of speech, and so this is one of the most basic things that languages have in common - the parts of speech - the building blocks of grammar.

Homework

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