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**Go Back Definitions**

**Level I**

**Parts of Speech**

It is essential to memorize the major definitions in grammar. **Go Back** is a memorization game; the teacher asks students definitions, and when someone misses one, you have to go back to the beginning! For purposes of consistency when playing GoBack, you can use these definitions for some of the major terms in the **parts of speech**.

**Grammar:** a way of thinking about language

**Four levels of traditional grammar**: parts of speech, parts of sentence, phrases, clauses

**Parts of speech:** the eight kinds of words in English

**Noun:** the name of a person, place, or thing

**Pronoun:** a word that takes the place of a noun

**Subject pronouns:** pronouns used for subjects of verbs and subject complements

**List the subject pronouns:** *I, you, he, she, it, we, they*

**Object pronouns:** pronouns used as a direct or indirect objects, and objects of prepositions

**List the object pronouns:** *me, you, him, her, it, us, them*

**Adjective:** a word that modifies a noun or pronoun NOTE: **Article:** the three adjectives, *a*, *an*, and *the*

**Verb:** a word that shows action, being, or links a subject to its subject complement

**Adverb:** modifies verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs

**Conjunction:** a word that joins two words or two groups of words

**List all the coordinating conjunctions:** *and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet* (FANBOYS)

**List a few subordinating conjunctions:** *if, as, since, when, because*

**The correlative conjunctions:** *either or, neither nor, not only but also*

**Preposition:** shows the relationship between its object and another word in the sentence

**Interjection:** shows emotion but has no grammatical function

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**Go Back Definitions**

**Level II**

**Parts of Sentence**

For purposes of consistency when playing **Go Back**, you can use these definitions for some of the major terms in the parts of sentence. Be sure to review the **Go Back** definitions from the Parts of Speech, because the game will be cumulative.

**Sentence:** a group of words that has a subject and its predicate, and makes a complete thought

**Fragment:** an incomplete thought

**Subject:** the noun or subject pronoun that the sentence is about

**Predicate:** the simple predicate is the verb—it is either action or linking (AVP or LVP)

**Direct object:** the noun or object pronoun that receives the action of the action verb

**Indirect object:** the noun or object pronoun between the action verb and the direct object, that is indirectly affected by the action

**Subject complement:** the noun, subject pronoun, or adjective, that is linked to the subject by a linking verb, and tells more about the subject

**\*When you have a LVP, look for a subject complement**

**\*When you have an AVP, look for a direct object and then an indirect object**