1. Scan for **nouns** and **verbs**.

\***Pronouns** are much like nouns. **We** can use **them** so **our** writing isn’t like **those** who do not.

* 1. Nouns\*: person, place, thing, idea
  2. Noun tests:
     1. One \_\_\_\_\_\_, two \_\_\_\_\_\_s
     2. a/an/the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**HELPING VERBS:**

IS AM ARE

WAS WERE

DO DID DOES

MAY MIGHT MUST

CAN COULD

SHALL SHOULD

WILL WOULD

BE BEING BEEN

HAS HAVE HAD

* 1. Verbs:
     1. Action words
     2. Helping verbs also
        1. I was happy.
        2. I was running.

1. Describing words.
   1. **Adjectives**:
      1. Describe nouns, so if you think a word is describing a noun, it would be an adj.
      2. Usually tell:
         1. what kind (*red* or *smelly*),
         2. which one (*that* or *Jim’s*),
         3. or how many (*several* or *two*)
   2. **Adverbs**:
      1. Describe pretty much everything but nouns, so if it’s *not* describing a noun, it would be an adv.
      2. They will mostly tell:
         1. How much (*very* or *extremely* or *not*)

Notice the “ly”s

* + - 1. How (*quickly* or *methodically*)
      2. When (*soon* or *yesterday*)
      3. Where (*nowhere* or *outside*)

1. **Prepositions:**
   1. Warning: can be mistaken for adverbs
   2. Always works with a group of words ending with a noun/pronoun
      1. Preposition—describing words—noun/pronoun
      2. ex. “under the dining room table” or “just like him”
      3. no verbs!
2. **Conjunctions:**
   1. Coordinating: FANBOYS (*and, but, or, for, nor, yet, so*)
   2. Subordinating:
      1. ex. *after, although, because, while, since*
      2. words like *before* can be a preposition or conjunction, depending