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