

# The names of English language words

## \*\* LEXICAL vs GRAMMATICAL WORDS in EVM \*\*

### Parts of speech (or word-classes):

- ✧ **nouns**<sup>1</sup>: cell, epidemic, flu, heifer, herd, livestock, outbreak, oxygen, prion, surgeon, ...
- ✧ **verbs**<sup>2</sup>: (to) breed, (to) deal with, (to) lay, (to) spread, (to) suffer from, ...
- ✧ **adjectives**<sup>3</sup>: epidemic, infectious, interesting, mellitus, mild, wild, ...
- ✧ **adverbs**<sup>4</sup>: carefully, highly, importantly, slowly, ...

**LEXICAL or  
CONTENT  
WORDS**

- ✧ **auxiliary and modal verbs**
- ✧ **adverbs of time and place**
- ✧ **prepositions**: at, about, in, of, on, ...
- ✧ **pronouns**: I, me, you, them, that, who ...
- ✧ **articles/determiners**: a, the, this, my, ...
- ✧ **conjunctions/linking words**: and, according to, in order to, or, but, ...
- ✧ **interjections**: hello! wow! yeah! no! ...

**GRAMMATICAL  
or  
FUNCTION  
WORDS**

<sup>1</sup> Both personal, common and collective nouns.

<sup>2</sup> The so-called "full" or "main verbs" only are *lexical words*.

<sup>3</sup> Qualifiers only.

<sup>4</sup> Adverbs of manner only – i.e. those deriving from qualifiers.