The names of English language words

Parts of speech (or word-classes):

- ✧ **nouns[1]:** biology, cell, disease, flu, outbreak, oxygen, scientist, vaccine, virus;
- ✧ **verbs[2]:** (to) infect, (to) spread, (to) tell;
- ✧ **adjectives[3]:** infectious, interesting, mild, wild;
- ✧ **adverbs**: carefully, highly, slowly[5];

} **LEXICAL or CONTENT WORDS[4]** — words carrying descriptive meaning

- ✧ **prepositions**: in, at, on, after;
- ✧ **pronouns:** me, you, them, who;
- ✧ **articles and determiners**: the, this, my, some;
- ✧ **conjunctions[6]**: and, or, but;
- ✧ **interjections[8]**: wow! yeah! no!!

} **GRAMMATICAL or FUNCTION WORDS[7]** — words signalling relations

[1] Both personal, common and collective nouns.
[2] Only **full verbs –** or **main verbs –** are considered lexical words, whereas **auxiliary verbs** and **modal verbs** are classified as grammatical words.
[3] Only adjectives as **qualifiers** are considered lexical words.
[4] Also called **open class of words.**
[5] Only **adverbs of manner** – i.e., those deriving from qualifiers – are considered lexical words.
[6] Also called **connectives** or **linking words**.
[7] Also called **closed class of words.**
[8] Also called **exclamations.**

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