The names of English language words

Parts of speech (or word-classes):

- ✧ **nouns:** chairperson, information, freedom, company, environment, policy;
- ✧ **verbs[1]:** choose, manage, tell, go, vote, elect;
- ✧ **adjectives[2]:** happy, dangerous, profitable, expensive, green, independent;
- ✧ **adverbs[3]**: slowly, carefully, economically;

LEXICAL or CONTENT WORDS – words carrying descriptive meaning

- ✧ **prepositions**: in, at, on, after;
- ✧ **pronouns:** me, you, them, who;
- ✧ **articles and determiners**: the, this, my, some;
- ✧ **conjunctions[4]**: and, or, but, however;
- ✧ **interjections[5]**: wow! yeah! no!!

GRAMMATICAL or FUNCTION WORDS – words signalling relations

[1] Only **full verbs** are considered lexical words, whereas **auxiliary verbs** and **modal verbs** are classified as grammatical words.
[2] Only adjectives as **qualifiers** are considered lexical words.
[3] Only **adverbs of manner** – i.e., those deriving from qualifiers – are considered lexical words.
[4] Also called **connectives** or **linking words**.
[5] Also called **exclamations.**

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