Parts of Speech Reference Sheet

**Noun-**

- person, place, thing, idea

-*common* (n): names a general noun; begins with a lowercase (city)

-*proper* (N): names a specific noun; begins with a capital (Detroit)

*-possessive* (pos n, pos N): shows ownership (girl’s, Roger’s)

**Pronoun-**

takes the place of a noun

Examples: he, she, his, her, I, me, you, we, us, they, them…

**Adverb-**

-modifies an adjective: REALLY cute

-modifies a verb: run QUICKLY

-modifies other adverbs: VERY easily

-tells How? When? Where? to what extent?

-NOT and NEVER are always adverbs

**Adjective-**

* Modifies nouns (I have a green pen) and pronouns (They are happy)
* Tells which one? How many? What kind?
* Articles: a, an, the
* Proper adjective (Adj): proper noun used as an adjective (American flag)

**Preposition**

* Shows relationship between a noun or pronoun and some other word in the sentence
* Across, after, against, around, at, before, below, between, by, during, except, for, from, in, of, off, on, over, since, through, to, under, until, with, according to, because of, instead of, etc.
* We went to school. We went up the stairs.

**Conjunction**

* Joins words, phrases, and clauses
* Types:
  + Coordinating
    - FANBOYS (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
  + Subordinating
    - After, since, before, while, because, although, so that, if, when, whenever, as, even though, until, unless, as if, etc.
  + Correlative
    - Not only/but also, neither/nor, either/or, both/and