

Lingua e traduzione inglese I – Mod. a "lingua e cultura"

A.A. 2018/2019

Week 3

PARTS OF SPEECH

examples of word classes and types of sentences, clauses, and phrases.

NYT: **OMG This Is Wrong!** Retired English Teacher Marks Up a White House Letter and Sends It Back

WORD CLASSES

1. **Nouns:** teacher (l.1) ; high school (1.); stationery (l.7); letter (l.10); safety (l. 22); rule (l.24); modifier (l.27) ; synonym (l.30) ; legislators (l.38) ; postcard (l.40); students (l.42) ; attention (l.44); hag (l.49) ; negativity (l.50); hearts (l.51) ; mind (l.51)
2. **Pronouns:** she (l.1) ; it (l.2); Trump's (l.3); I (l.13); they (l.14); those (l. 16) ; them (l. 18) ; you (l. 18); these (l.18); both (l.28); his (l.48) ; their (l.51)
3. **Verbs:** wrote (l.1); received (l.2); marking up (l.2); have tried (l.4); is (l.5); was addressed (l.7); abide (l.13) ; should do (l. 14); banning (l.24); circled (l.28); calls for (l.29); stood in (l. 35); has received (l. 35); following up (l. 40); looking over (l. 48); must be (l.49); bless (l.50)
4. **Adjectives:** sprawled (l.3); capitalized (l. 5); WRONG (l. 6); former(l.8); purple (l.10); snapped (l.11); worded (l.13); Poor (l.13); grieving (l.19); unclear (l.24); dangling (l.26); beautiful (l.36); important (l. 37); old (l.43); important (l.44); venomous (l.49); a lonely bitter (l.49); little (l.51).
5. **Adverbs:** back (l.2) ; across (l.3); so (l.10); then (l.11); poorly (l.13); mainly (l.27); immediately (l.34); enough (l.43)
6. **Conjunctions:** about (l.1); and(l.1); when (l.5); to (l.7); if (l.13) ; but (l.26);
7. **Prepositions:** of (l.5) ; toward (l. 6); on (l.7); in (l.16); after (l.21); with (l.21); at (l. 22); into (l.24); for (l. 29);
8. **Interjections:** OMG (title); y'all (l.4)

SYNTAX

Sentences:

- The letter, dated May 3 and printed on White House stationery, was addressed to Yvonne Mason, 61, a former high school English teacher who retired last year but hadn't quite left "grading-paper mode," she said on Sunday.
- So when she received the letter in the mail, she pulled out her go-to purple pen and started making corrections.
- Ms. Mason, a Democrat who lives in Atlanta, had written to Mr. Trump to ask that he visit each family of those who died in the shooting that killed 17 people at a school in Parkland, Florida, in February.
- The letter she received did not address her concerns, she said.
- It says "State" should be capitalized when it is referring to the government or legislature.

Clauses:

- She said. (S-V)
- Ms. Mason circled both. (S-V-O)
- I focused mainly on mechanics. (S-V-A-C)
- You're important. (S-V-O)
- They aren't changing my mind. (S-V-O)

Phrases:

- Ms. Mason = noun phrase
- had written = verb phrase
- to Mr. Trump = adjective phrase
- mainly = adverb phrase
- in the top left corner = prepositional phrase

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DETAILED ANALYSIS

- 1) Sentence: **The notes were sprawled across a letter bearing President Trump's signature.**

Clause: The notes were sprawled across a letter

Phrase: Across a letter

- 2) Sentence: **She pulled out her go-to purple pen and started making corrections.**

Clause: She pulled out her go-to pen

Phrase: Her go-to pen

- 3) Sentence: **The letter stood in contrast to other letters she has received from politicians**

Clause: The letter stood in contrast to other letters

Phrase: To other letters

- 4) Sentence: **She wanted to show her students that their voices mattered**

Clause: She wanted to show her students

Phrase: Her students

- 4) Sentence: **She must be a lonely bitter hag with a lot of cats**

Clause: She must be a lonely bitter hag

Phrase: A lonely bitter hag