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## Lesson 10.5.8 Determining a Word's Part of Speech

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### EXERCISE 1 Identifying Parts of Speech

Identify the part of speech of each underlined word as it is used in the sentence. Use these abbreviations:

*N* = noun*P* = pronoun*V* = verb*PREP* = preposition*ADJ* = adjective*ADV* = adverb*INT* = interjection*CONJ* = conjunction

**EXAMPLE** *CONJ* A potlatch is a celebration and much, much more.

Some words, such as *both*, may be indefinite pronouns in one context, adjectives in a second, and part of a correlative conjunction in a third. Always consider how a word is used within the sentence.

**Pronoun:**

*Both* of the boys presented gifts.

**Adjective:**

Were *both* stories humorous?

**Conjunction:**

*Both* lions and tigers are members of the cat family.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Some coastal tribes hold traditional gatherings called potlatches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In the past, these gatherings lasted for weeks or even months.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The guests gather together in order to witness such changes in status as coming of age, marriage, birth, and death.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The host gives gifts that precisely correspond to each guest's social rank.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Even if a host impoverishes himself by giving gifts, he will regain wealth by receiving a gift at a later potlatch.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. With a potlatch, a family transfers hereditary rights and privileges in front of witnesses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. These rights and privileges encompass material wealth as well as the family's songs, names, stories, and dances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Well, who can serve as a witness?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. The Canadian government once outlawed potlatches, but it revised the Indian Law in 1951 to allow people to legally conduct and participate in the ceremonies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Few First Nations gave up the tradition entirely just because of the law.

### EXERCISE 2 Using Parts of Speech

Revise each sentence below by adding the part or parts of speech in parentheses.

**EXAMPLE** Each family owns its own ancestor stories. (adjective, pronoun)

1. \_\_\_\_\_! That story was unbelievably scary! (interjection)
2. Ceremony, storytelling, and artwork \_\_\_\_\_ the past alive. (verb)
3. Although \_\_\_\_\_ of the tribes have unique traditions, potlaches \_\_\_\_\_ mark births, deaths, and weddings. (pronoun, adverb)
4. Ceremonies are ways of reenacting the way \_\_\_\_\_ family gained the power \_\_\_\_\_ social rank that it has. (adjective, conjunction)
5. The word *potlatch* \_\_\_\_\_ "to give" \_\_\_\_\_ the Chinook language. (verb, preposition)