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Lesson 12.5.8 Determining a Word's Part of Speech

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EXERCISE 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 N The ancient network of trade routes known as the Silk Road linked China and Rome.

Pay attention to how a word is used within a sentence before attempting to identify its part of speech. Many words may function as one part of speech in one context and a different part of speech in another context.

Verb:

The camels were *standing* quietly.

Adjective:

Standing water covered that part of the road.

1. _____ The trade routes greatly facilitated the transport of goods, religions, and ideas.
2. _____ While archaeological evidence suggests that the Silk Road may have started even sooner, historians believe the Silk Road started in the second century B.C.
3. _____ China's Han Dynasty created the main routes of the Silk Road.
4. _____ The four-thousand-mile caravan route known as the Silk Road originated in Xi'an, China, and followed the Great Wall of China northwest.
5. _____ The Silk Road included three main routes between China and the Black Sea, Persia and the Mediterranean Sea, and Afghanistan and India.
6. _____ Although silk was a major commodity traded along the route, other goods, such as ivory, gold, jade, furs, pomegranates, and carrots, were also traded.
7. _____ During peak trading times, goods moved around with the help of a progression of middlemen working along the route.
8. _____ Some animals that made the trip, such as horses, camels, and elephants, helped transport other goods.
9. _____ Others, such as lovely peacocks, were traded.
10. _____ Since silk was such a commodity, the Chinese kept the silk-making process a secret from the West.
11. _____ Once the Romans lost control over land in Asia, fewer people traveled the Silk Road, and it became unsafe.
12. _____ Who revived the route in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries?
13. _____ Some of its most famous travelers include Marco Polo and Genghis Khan.
14. _____ Oh, have you heard about the Silk Road Project that Yo Yo Ma founded in 1999?
15. _____ The United Nations plans to turn the old trade route into a modern trans-Asian highway and railway.