Parts of Speech Practice – ANSWERS

**Answers:**

1. plays - action

2. will return - action

3. is - linking or state of being

4. have been - state of being

5. should have been playing - action

6. go - action

The helping verbs are *will*, *have*, *should*, *have*, and *been*. The *been* in sentence 4 is not a helping verb because it is the main verb. The last verb in a verb phrase is always the main verb.

**Answers:**

1. Mrs. Mills - proper; officer, post office, package - common.

2. Eric - proper; principal, school, bell - common

3. Sheep, horses, grass, cattle - common

4. Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Americans - proper

5. War, thing, nations - common

**Answers:**

1. I, you and yourself are pronouns. Yourself is intensive and you is its antecedent.

2. Itself and yours are pronouns. Itself is intensive, and yours is possessive.  Decision is the antecedent for itself.

3. She and herself are pronouns. Herself is reflexive and has she as the antecedent.

4. My, me and his are pronouns. My and his are possessives, and brother is the antecedent of his.

5. You, your and yourself are pronouns. Yourself is a reflexive pronoun, and you is the antecedent for your and yourself. Your is possessive.

**Answers:**

1. Our, first, many, strong

2. The, happy, the, three, frolicking, their, his

3. an, exciting, most

4. The, flooded, terrible

5. The, Johanson, a, hot, exhausting

**Answers:**

1. n't (when/how), often (when), here, (where), before, (when). They all modify the verb *have stopped*.

2. faithfully (how), carefully (how). They both modify the verb *does*.

3. sometimes (when), always (when), highly (how much). *Sometimes* modifies the verb *say*. *Always* modifies the verb *have been*. *Highly* modifies the adjective *critical*.

4. yesterday (when), by, (where), once (when), twice (when). They all modify the verb *came*.

5. there (where), very (how much), safely (how). *There* and *safely* modify the verb *lay*. *Very* modifies the adverb *safely*.

6. today (when), rather (how much). *Today* modifies the verb *seemed*. *Rather* modifies the adjective *restless*.

**Answers:**

1. in a real hurry

2. before the storm

3. over the wall, into the bushes

4. with the skateboard, down the street, into the building

5. to Canada and Mexico

6. to the glaciers, of the Grand Tetons

7. by the light, of the silvery moon, on his knees, for forgiveness

8. under the shade, of the apple tree, in peace

9. of the book, about airplanes

10. in this lesson, for me

**Answers:**

1. and, not only-but also, both-and

2. or, either-or

3. neither-nor

4. both-and, and

5. whether-or

6. but

7. and

8. both-and, but

9. and, yet

10. and, but