

Some Listable Word-Classes

Listable word classes are small groups of function words that have a primarily grammatical purpose as opposed to the four large content word-classes: **nouns, verbs, adjectives** and **-ly adverbs**. The function words have highly specialized uses and can appear on more than one list according to how they are used in a given sentence—e.g. *who* used as an includer or as a question word; *on* used as a preposition or as a particle with a phrasal verb.

a-words:	<i>afraid, alive, alone, asleep, away</i>
articles:	<i>a, an, the</i>
comparatives, superlatives & other special adjectives:	<i>more, less, fewer, better, worse; the most, the least, the fewest, the best, the worst; the only, the main, the chief, the principle, the last, last, the next, next, the same, the right, the wrong</i>
construction modifiers:	<i>especially, only, just, all, both, half, about, even, merely, no</i>
determiners:	<i>a, an, the; this, that, these, those; my, your, his, her, its, our, their; each, every</i>
includers:	<i>although, because, if, when, who, which, that, etc.</i>
infinitive signal:	<i>to</i>
intensifiers:	<i>very, quite, rather, sort of, somewhat, a little</i>
joiners:	<i>fanboys for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so and semi-colon</i>
linkers:	<i>However, Therefore, In fact, etc.</i>
middle adverbs:	<i>already, often, never, ever, definitely, surely, clearly, etc.</i>
middle auxiliaries:	<i>be, been, being, have</i>
negatives:	<i>no, not, none, no one, nobody, nothing, never, neither, nor</i>
numerals, cardinal:	<i>one, two, three, etc.</i>
numerals, ordinal:	<i>first, second, third, etc.</i>
particles:	<i>in, on, up, down, out, off, around, etc.</i>
phrasals:	<i>indoors, outdoors, upstairs, downstairs</i>
prepositions:	<i>about, above, across, after, against, among, etc.</i>
pronominals:	<i>he, she, it, they; him, her, them</i>
quantifiers:	<i>some, a little, a lot of, a few, few, several, much, very much, etc.</i>
sequence signals:	<i>then, next, afterwards, finally, etc.</i>
titles:	<i>Ms., Mr., Miss, Mrs. Dr., President, King, Queen, etc.</i>
wh- words:	<i>what, when, where, which, who, whose, whom, etc.</i>
x-words:	<i>do, does, did, have, has, had, am, is, are, etc.</i>