Describing Language
“It’s warm in here.”

• Discuss possible meanings with group members

• What determines the meaning of this phrase?
What is Language?

• Elements of language:
  • Grammar
  • Vocabulary
  • Pronunciation
  • Lexical chunks/idioms

• Language in use:
  • Discourse
  • Context

“Waiter, this soup is fly.”
What is Language?

- Paralinguistic cues
- Register
  - formal vs. informal
- Varieties of language
What is Grammar?
Pick all the answers that you feel are true.

A) A system designed to confuse students and teachers

B) An antiquated system of rules that no one uses anymore

C) An incomprehensible jumble of rules with too many exceptions

D) The first thing to embarrass me in the classroom
Think about a definition of grammar that is simple and useful.

Make it simple enough that you can use it to explain grammar to your students.
Why do I need to know grammar?
Pick all the answers that you feel are true.

A) so I don’t get embarrassed in the classroom
B) because it is an important part of learning English
C) so I can explain it to my students when they ask about it
D) to help increase my confidence level in the classroom
How many *parts of speech* are there?
A) 8
B) 9
C) 10
D) 12

What are the parts of speech?

What part of speech is the word *the*?
Write the answer below
__________
Classify the following verb forms

1. Had run  
2. Had been running  
3. Will have been running  
4. Ran  
5. Runs  
6. Will have run  
7. Was running  
8. Has run  
9. Has been running  
10. Will be running  
11. Will run  
12. Is running

A. present simple  
B. Present progressive  
C. Past simple  
D. Past progressive  
E. Future simple  
F. Future progressive  
G. Present perfect simple  
H. Present perfect progressive  
I. Past perfect simple  
J. Past perfect progressive  
K. Future perfect simple  
L. Future perfect progressive
2.2 Classify These Words

1. I’d like those eggs, please.

2. Who did that?

3. Many students don’t enjoy studying.

4. That’s my car.

5. Our football team won the game.

6. San Francisco is a beautiful city.

7. He did it himself.

8. The cat in the hat.