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### A. NOUN

- 1. The **subject** is a <u>noun</u>, <u>noun phrase</u>, or <u>pronoun</u>.
- 2. We need a noun, noun phrase <u>after</u> an <u>article</u>, a <u>possessive adjective</u>, a <u>transitive verb</u> (=one that takes an <u>object</u>) and a <u>preposition</u>
  e.g. a car/ my car/ He bought a car. Look at the car!

#### B. ADJECTIVE

1. Adjectives come **before** a noun.

e.g. a **popular** car a **small Japanese** car

2. We put an adjective together with two or more words to modify a noun **behind** the noun.

e.g. a car popular among business executives

3. An adjective comes <u>after</u> the <u>be verb</u> and other <u>linking verbs</u>. e.g. The car <u>is</u> expensive. The car <u>looks</u> expensive.

### C. ADVERB

- Adverbs modify <u>verbs</u>, <u>adjectives</u>, <u>sentences</u>, and <u>other adverbs</u>.
   e.g. The meeting went <u>well</u>. They were <u>extremely</u> happy.
- 2. Adverbs typically answer questions such as *how?*, *in what way?*, *when?*, *where?*, and *to what extent?*