

# Mastering Parts of Speech

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## APPENDIX A: Original Story and Table

### Tracy's Career Plans

When Tracy was a little girl, she always dreamed of becoming an accountant someday. She was not very good with money, but she wanted to be just like her mom. At the age of 13, Tracy abruptly changed her mind and decided that she was going to be a lawyer instead. This happened after she watched the movie *Legally Blonde*, starring the lovely Reese Witherspoon.

Little Tracy practiced her lawyering skills constantly. If she wanted something, then she would study and prepare a list of reasons why her parents needed to get it for her. Usually Tracy was a very calm person, though, and after a while, she got sick of arguing all the time about everything. She decided she no longer wanted to be a lawyer, but felt a little discouraged because she was not sure what she wanted to be.

Finally, when Tracy was in her first year of college, she decided to study economics. Now she plans to start her own international business so that she can travel all around the world.

	Circled Word(s)	Part of Speech		Circled Word(s)	Part of Speech
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## APPENDIX B: Story With Circles and Numbers, and Completed Table

### Tracy's Career Plans

When <sup>1</sup>Tracy was a little <sup>2</sup>girl, she always dreamed of becoming an <sup>3</sup>accountant someday. She was not very good with <sup>4</sup>money, but, she wanted to be just like her <sup>5</sup>mom. At the age of 13, <sup>6</sup>Tracy <sup>7</sup>abruptly changed her mind and decided that she was going to be a <sup>8</sup>lawyer instead. This happened after she watched the movie <sup>9</sup>*Legally Blonde*, starring the <sup>10</sup>lovely <sup>11</sup>Reese Witherspoon.

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Little <sup>12</sup>Tracy<sup>13</sup> practiced her <sup>13</sup>lawyering<sup>14</sup> skills constantly. If she wanted <sup>14</sup>something<sup>15</sup> then she would <sup>15</sup>study<sup>16</sup> and <sup>16</sup>prepare<sup>17</sup> a list of <sup>17</sup>reasons<sup>18</sup> why her parents needed <sup>18</sup>to get<sup>19</sup> it for her. Usually <sup>19</sup>Tracy<sup>20</sup> was a very <sup>20</sup>calm<sup>21</sup> person, though; and, after <sup>21</sup>a while<sup>22</sup>, she got sick of <sup>22</sup>arguing<sup>23</sup> all the time about everything. She decided she no longer wanted to be a <sup>23</sup>lawyer<sup>24</sup>, but felt a little <sup>24</sup>discouraged<sup>25</sup> because she was not sure what she wanted <sup>25</sup>to be<sup>26</sup>. <sup>26</sup>Finally<sup>27</sup>, when Tracy was in her <sup>27</sup>first<sup>28</sup> year of college, she decided to study <sup>28</sup>economics<sup>29</sup>. Now she plans to start her own international <sup>29</sup>business<sup>30</sup> so that she can <sup>30</sup>travel<sup>31</sup> all around the <sup>31</sup>world<sup>31</sup>.

	<b>Circled Word(s)</b>	<b>Part of Speech</b>		<b>Circled Word(s)</b>	<b>Part of Speech</b>		<b>Circled Word(s)</b>	<b>Part of Speech</b>
1	Tracy	proper noun (name of female in the author group)	12	Tracy	proper noun (same person in author group)	23	lawyer	singular noun
2	girl	singular noun	13	lawyering	gerund/word ending in “-ing”	24	discouraged	adjective
3	accountant	singular noun	14	something	noun	25	to be	infinite verb/ to __
4	money	noun	15	study	verb-base form	26	finally	adverb
5	mom	noun	16	prepare	verb-base form	27	first	ordinal number
6	Tracy	proper noun (same person again)	17	reasons	plural noun	28	economics	noun
7	abruptly	adverb	18	to get	infinite verb/ to _____	29	business	noun
8	lawyer	singular noun	19	Tracy	proper noun (same person again)	30	travel	verb-base form
9	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	proper noun (name of a film/ movie)	20	calm	adjective	31	world	noun
10	lovely	adjective	21	a while	period of time			
11	Reese Witherspoon	proper noun (name of a female actress)	22	arguing	present participle/word ending in “-ing”			

**APPENDIX C: Mad Libs Final Product**

**Tracy's Career Plans**

When \_\_\_\_\_ was a little \_\_\_\_\_, she always dreamed of becoming a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of female in the room) (singular noun) (singular noun)  
 someday. She was not very good with \_\_\_\_\_; but, she wanted to be just like (singular her  
 (noun)  
 \_\_\_\_\_. At the age of 13, \_\_\_\_\_ changed her mind and decided that she was  
 (noun) (same person again) (adverb)  
 going to be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ instead. This happened after she watched the movie \_\_\_\_\_,  
 (singular noun) (name of film/movie)  
 starring the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (adjective) (name of famous actress)  
 Little \_\_\_\_\_ practiced her \_\_\_\_\_ skills constantly. If she wanted \_\_\_\_\_, then  
 (same person again) (gerund/word ending in "-ing") (noun)  
 she would \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a list of \_\_\_\_\_ why her parents needed \_\_\_\_\_ it  
 (verb-base form) (verb-base form) (plural noun) (infinitive verb)  
 for her. Usually \_\_\_\_\_ was a very \_\_\_\_\_ person, though; and, after \_\_\_\_\_, she  
 (same person again) (adjective) (period of time)  
 got sick of \_\_\_\_\_ all the time about everything. She decided she no longer wanted to  
 (present participle/word ending in "-ing")  
 be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, but felt a little \_\_\_\_\_ because she was not sure what she wanted \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (singular noun) (adjective) (infinitive verb/to \_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_, when Tracy was in her \_\_\_\_\_ year of college, she decided to study \_\_\_\_\_. Now she  
 (adverb) (ordinal number) (noun)  
 plans to start her own international \_\_\_\_\_ so that she can \_\_\_\_\_ all around the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (noun) (verb-base form) (noun)