Parts of speech exercise

What part of speech are the underlined words?

1. She thought of a wise plan. Thought is a
   ....................................
   verb
   adverb
   adjective

2. I want to go now. Now is a/an
   ....................................
   preposition
   adjective
   adverb

3. Where are you going? You is a
   ....................................
   verb
   noun
   pronoun

4. That was a lovely evening. Lovely is a/an
   ....................................
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noun
adjective
adverb

5. My father works in a factory. Factory is a/an ........................................

pronoun
noun
adjective

6. She must be a stupid. Stupid is a/an ........................................

noun
adjective
verb

7. Selena is my best friend. Best is a/an ........................................

noun
adjective
adverb
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8. The dress was expensive; still I bought it.
Bought is a ..............................................

verb
adverb
preposition

9. It is my doll. It is a/an ........................................
noun
pronoun
adjective

10. The sun gives us heat and light. Gives is a/an
......................................................

verb
pronoun
adverb

11. Do it quickly. Quickly is a/an
........................................
adverb
adjective
verb
12. She went to the market to buy some vegetables. To is a/an .................................. 

verb
preposition
conjunction

13. I helped him because I liked him. Because is a/an .............................................. 

preposition
conjunction
adverb

14. Jasmines are white in color. White is a/an ................................................................. 

noun
adjective
pronoun

15. The cat is under the bed. Under is a/an ................................................................. 

preposition
conjunction
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adverb

Answers

1. Thought – verb (Thought is the past simple form of the verb think. It also has an -ing form: thinking. The word is a verb when it has present, past and participle forms.)

2. Now – adverb (Most words indicating time, place, manner, reason etc. are adverbs. Of course, this is not a good definition and some time expressions are prepositions, not adverbs. If you don’t know whether a particular word is a preposition or an adverb, try this simple test. Is that word followed by a noun? If it is, then it is a preposition. Adverbs are not followed by nouns.)

3. You – personal pronoun (There are very few personal pronouns and they are: he, she, it, they, I, me, we and you. Memorize this list if you still have trouble recognizing pronouns.)

4. Lovely – adjective (A word that goes before a noun is usually an adjective. Adjectives also have comparative and superlative forms: Lovely, lovelier, loveliest)

5. Factory – noun (Nouns are the names of people, things, places etc.)

6. Stupid – noun

7. Best – adjective

8. Bought – verb

9. It – personal pronoun

10. Gives – verb
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11. Quickly - adverb (Most words ending in -ly are adverbs.)

12. To - preposition

13. Because - conjunction (A conjunction is a word used to join two clauses. There are only a limited number of conjunctions in English. Common examples are: because, as, since, when, after, before, and, but, or, yet etc.)

14. White - adjectives (The names of colors are always adjectives.)

15. Under - preposition