The same word used as different part of speech

Here is a list of some of the most important words which belong to different parts of speech. Note that it is the function or use which determines which part of speech a particular word belongs to.

**About**

About can be used as an adverb or a preposition. As an adverb, about modifies the verb. As a preposition, it connects a noun or pronoun with some other word in the sentence. Study the examples given below.

- They wandered **about the town**. (Here the word about modifies the verb **wandered** and hence it acts as an adverb.)
- There was something affable **about** him. (Preposition)

**Above**

The word above can be used as an adverb, a preposition, an adjective or a noun.

Study the examples given below.

- The heavens are **above**. (Adverb)
- The moral code of conduct is **above** the civil code of conduct. (Preposition)
- Read the sentence given **above**. (Adjective)
- Our blessings come from **above**. (Noun)

**After**

The word after can be used as an adverb, a preposition, an adjective and a conjunction.

- He left soon **after**. (Adverb)
- She takes **after** her mother. (Preposition)
- I went to bed **after** I had dinner. (Conjunction)

**All**
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**All** children need love. (Adjective)

She lives **all** alone in a small hut. (Adverb)

She lost **all** she owned. (Noun)

**Any**

Have you got **any pens**? (Adjective)

Is he **any** better? (Adverb)

‘Did you get **any strawberries**?’ ‘There wasn’t **any** left.’ (Pronoun)

**As**

We walked **as fast as** we could. (Adverb)

**As** he was late, we went without him. (Conjunction)

She likes the same color **as** I do. (Relative pronoun)