The word off can be an adjective, an adverb and a preposition.

### Off as a preposition



# Wipe the mud off your shoes.

The prepositional phrase (off your shoes)

gives extra information. Mud is a noun.

### Off as an adjective



## l am having an off day.

The adjective (off) modifies the noun (day).

#### off as an adverb



### He shaved off his mustache.

The adverb (off) modifies the verb (shaved).

#### Don't worry if the parts of speech confuses you.



Have fun and practice speaking the following sentences.

Which part of speech is the word off?

### off



# Clean the dirt off your shoes.

### Off prepositional phrase



# Clean the dirt off your shoes.



#### The oven is off.

### Off adjective



#### The oven is off.



#### The deal wag off.

### Off adjective



#### The deal wag off.



## Wipe the sweat off your forehead.

### Off preposition



## Wipe the sweat off your forehead.



### He turned the TV off.

### Off adverb



### He turned the TV off.



### I bought it off a vendor.

#### preposition



### I bought it off a vendor.



### The spelling bee is off.

### off adjective



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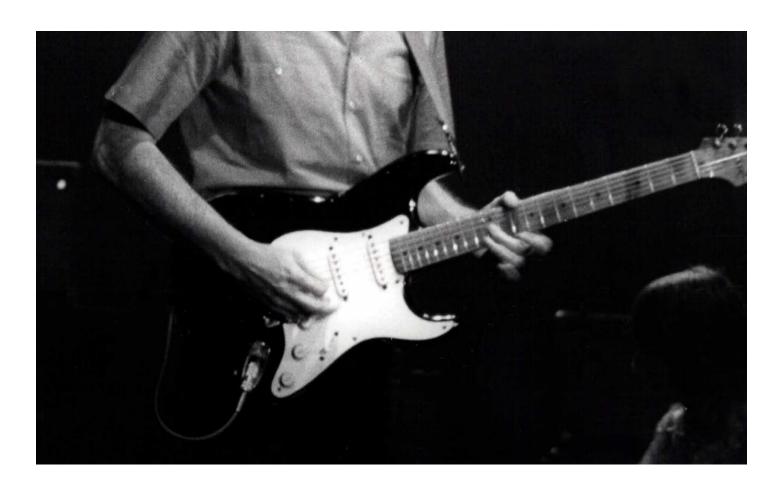


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#### off adverb

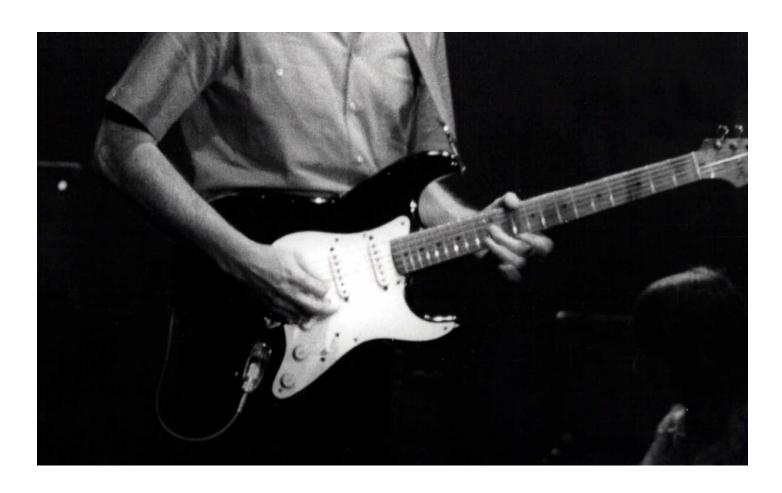


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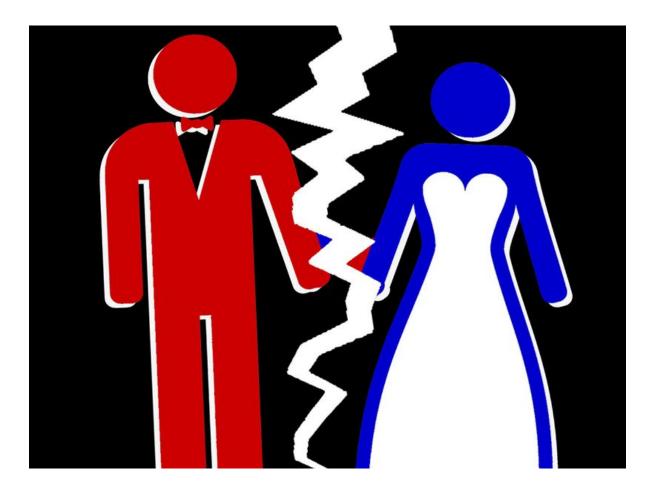


### His playing was a little bit off.

### Off adjective

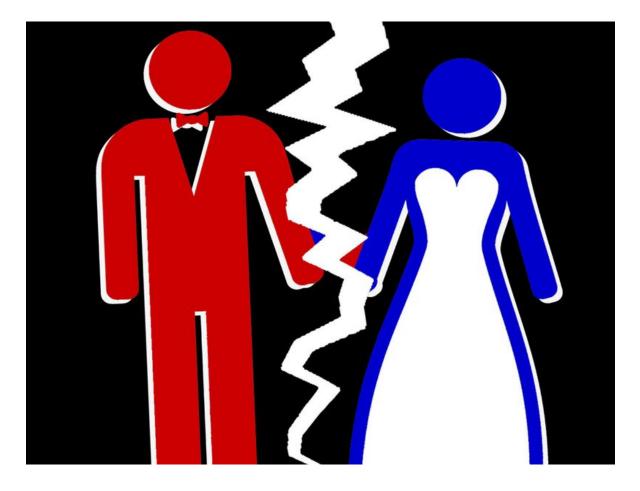


### His playing was a little bit off.



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### Off adjective



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## The show went off as planned.

### off adverb



## The show went off as planned.

Notice the expendable word off follows a verb and not a noun.

# Sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference between an adverb or a preposition.



With phrasal verbs, it can problematic to tell the difference between an adverb or a preposition.

I am not going to discuss particles (words that are difficult to classify as a part of speech, such as the infinitive marker to).

What is important is you understand adverbs modify, verbs, adjectives and other adverbs. And prepositions (words that precede nouns to give extra information) do not contain the subject of a sentence.



### My keys fell off the table.

### Off adverb/preposition



### My keys fell off the table.

The word off follows the verb fell and modifies it.

Also, off the table is a prepositional phrase.

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### The car slid off the road.

### Off adverb/preposition



### The car slid off the road.

The word off follows the verb slid and modifies it.

Also, Off the road is a prepositional phrase.