You are going to use this piece of writing from The Way up to Heaven to practise spotting different word classes.

Mrs Foster suddenlygot the feeling that her **husband** was enjoying **watching** her worry, but she couldn’t be sure. She thought for a moment that she saw him **smile** to himself. She told herself that she was imagining it.

“Anyway” Mr Foster said, “if by any chance the flight does go, you’ll be certain to miss it now. Why don’t you just accept it?”

She **turned** away and looked through the **window** at the **thick** fog. It seemed to be getting thicker as they went along. She knew that her husband was still **looking** at her. She glanced at him again, and this time she noticed with a kind of horror that he was staring **closely** at the **little** place in the corner of her left eye where she could feel the **muscle** **twitching**. He didn’t speak to her any more after that and the **car** **crawled** on and on. **Suddenly**, the driver stopped the car.

This table explains what the different word classes are.

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| **WORD CLASS** | **DEFINITION** | **EXAMPLE** |
| Verb | Doing/action word | E.G. run, speak, stopped, pouring  **Often end in ‘ed’ and ‘ing’** |
| Adverb | Says how the verb is being done | E.G. run **quickly**, speak **loudly**  **Usually a word ending in LY** |
| Noun | Naming word (place, person or thing) | E.G. table, tree, hand  **You can usually put ‘a’ or ‘the’ in front** |
| Adjective | Describes the noun | E.G the **wooden** table, the **tall** tree |

**TASK** – Use the table above to help put these words into the correct word class in the table on the next page.

Husband

Staring

Twitching

Closely

Watching

Ask yourself ‘is it something that being done?” Is yes, it’s a VERB.

Ask yourself ‘is it describing something’? If yes, then it’s an ADJECTIVE

Ask yourself, ‘is it the name of something?’ If yes, it’s a NOUN

Ask yourself ‘is it describing how the action is being done and it ends in ‘ly’? If yes, it’s an ADVERB

Little

Smile

Turned

Window

Crawled

Thick

Car

Muscle

Looking

Try your best.

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| **Nouns** | **Verbs** | **Adjectives** | **Adverbs** |
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