ESL 21A
Parts of speech (word form) exercises
Instructions: Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the following sentences.
(N=noun, Pro=pronoun, V=verb, Adj=adjective, Adv=adverb, Conj=conjunction, Prep=preposition). Remember that many words can be several parts of speech and only the context (the function the word performs in the sentence) determines which part of speech it is.

1. Before gunpowder was invented, soldiers often wore armor.
2. The armor protected the soldiers against sharp blows.
3. Early armor was designed from layers of animal hide.
4. The first designs were in the form of shields.
5. Other designs covered the entire body.
6. Whole battles were sometimes won or lost because of armor.
7. Armor craftsmen had important positions in society.
8. Chain mail armor was made of small connected rings.
9. Japanese armor of the 1500s was made of thousands of fishlike scales.
10. Most European armor was made of large metal plates shaped to the body.
11. Some of it was designed with precious metals and decorated with artistic patterns.
12. The metal was heavy, and soldiers needed special assistance in mounting their horses.
13. Because the metal was so strong, knights often tried to unseat their opponents instead of trying to pierce the armor.
14. One famous soldier fell off his horse and into a stream fifteen inches deep.
15. His armor filled with water and he drowned.
16. During the crusades, European soldiers wore their metal armor into the deserts.
17. The armor often became so hot the soldiers fell off their horses in exhaustion.
18. With the development of the longbow and gunpowder, traditional armor lost its popularity.
19. Lightweight armor has been used in modern warfare.
20. The helmet is one carryover from earlier designs.