

Appendix B: Syntactic Function Tag Set

nouns		adjectives	
N	not syntactically embedded noun, or ungrammatically used (usually in the pun)	Adj	attributive adjective
S	subject	Pdj	predicative adjective
O	object	verbs¹	
Po	object of a preposition	V	finite verb
R	premodifying noun in a compound noun, either spelled together, hyphenated or in two words	Ven	past participle
C	noun that is a comparative complement	Ving	present participle
PropX	e.g., PropN, PropR; proper name [if I'm distinguishing this, should I do morphological analysis in terms of deverbal noun, deadjectival noun, etc.? Yes, in the long run, if I have a full pun generator in mind and I can't fit a verb where I need a certain stem semantically, I can adjectivalize it, nominalize it, etc. as needed; but that later]	Aux	auxiliary
Rposs	possessive premodifying noun	Inf	infinitive
Wh	interrogative/relative pronoun	other	
		Adv	adverbial
		&	conjunction
		P	preposition
		excl.	exclamation (not syntactically embedded)
		Pt	particle of phrasal verbs
		to	to (Inf)
		Det	determiner
		?	indeterminable

¹ Further distinctions are available at the level of the CLAWS-based word class analysis, so that these three V types were only used to highlight central differences.