Japanese grammar

Understanding parts of a sentence

Q: nani　o　tabemasuka。
Q: なに　を　たべますか。

A: oishii　sushi　o　tabemasu。
A: おいしい　すし　を　たべます。

QUESTION WORD	Who? What? When? Where? Why? These are all question words! In this example, the question word is なに which means 'what?'
PARTICLE	Particles help us to link words and they also ensure that our sentences make sense! In this example, there are two: (か and を). か is like a question mark! を is a particle that shows us the object of the sentence.
VERB	Verbs are action words, they often appear at the **end** of the sentence in Japanese. In this example, the verb is たべます which means 'to eat'.
ADJECTIVE	Adjectives are describing words. They are used to describe nouns. In this example, the adjective is おいしい which means 'delicious'.
OBJECT	The *object* of a sentence is <u>what/who</u> receives the action of the verb! The object in this example is すし which means 'sushi'!

***See if you can work out what the question and answer above mean! Check your answer with sensei.