Pullum (2009)

"The AHD, like many other dictionaries, both American and British, is making a mistake with the double categorization of a large number of words like *head*. The right treatment is to categorize them as nouns but to mention their sometimes special meanings when used as attributive modifiers."

- His conclusion begins as follows:

  "It is time to revise the conception of grammatical categories that is currently built into all dictionaries of English. The traditional categorizations given in the dictionaries for numerous items are simply in error. Some brave dictionary publisher must take the risk of being the first to abandon mistaken but well entrenched traditions, and of being out of step with all other dictionary publishers for a while as a result.