

Phrases

A phrase is generally described as “a group of related words without a subject and verb”
There are many kinds of phrases in English.

A noun phrase (contains a noun of course). This can serve as the subject or object of a sentence.

The old red bus (subject phrase) was parked by the side of the road.
I went to the match with (object phrase) **my dad and my uncle**.
Can you give the message to (indirect object phrase) **the man in the grey shirt**.



Verb phrases. Usually function as the predicate of a sentence and can include other modifiers alongside the verb.

My sister **takes her job very seriously**.

The thief **gave himself up**, when surrounded by the Police.

Adjectival phrases. Contains the adjective which modifies the noun. Also contains any other modifiers such as adverbs.

The **highly prized stallion** was stolen from the stables.

He was intelligent but also **extremely arrogant**.



Adverbial phrases

Adverbial phrases are composed of the adverbs that modify verbs, adjectives, or clauses. Adverbial phrases may occur with more than one word. The extra adverb is called an intensifier.

They nodded **to show that they understood**.

They sat **in silence** as they watched the movie.

Prepositional phrases. Where prepositions are used to introduce the element into a sentence or predicate. The phrase begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun.

The signs **on the boardwalk** were there for decoration only.

The car **in between the blue ones** is mine.



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