



2nd semester

Advanced

Lesson 29

Topic 29: Noun phrases

A **noun phrase** is a group of two or more words that is headed by a noun (a person, place, or thing) that includes modifiers (e.g., 'the,' 'a,' 'of them,' 'with her').





NOUN PHRASES

Definition: A noun phrase refers to words that work the same way as a noun. A noun phrase features a noun, pronoun, and other modifiers.

COMPONENTS OF A NOUN PHRASE

I want **a** **cute** **puppy** for Christmas.

NOUN

A noun phrase must have a noun on which other modifiers are connected. A noun refers to the name of a person, thing, or place.

The **doctor** took the **drugs** to the **hospital**.

ARTICLE

An article must be part of a noun phrase since it is usually connected to a noun. In modern English, articles include a, an, and the.

The **office** is always clean.

ADJECTIVE

An adjective refers to a word that describes a noun or pronoun.

The **handsome** man married today.

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

It refers to words that begin with a preposition but has an object at the end.

The clothes **in the dressing room** are gorgeous.

DETERMINER

A determiner clarifies/describes a noun. Examples include; those, these, that, this.

These girls are beautiful.

FUNCTIONS OF NOUN PHRASES

Noun phrases can be; a subject, direct object, indirect objects, complement, and object of a preposition.

- **A subject is a component of a clause or sentence that describes what the sentence/clause is about.**
- **A direct object refers to a noun phrase, noun, or pronoun that is a recipient of a direct action of a verb.**
- **An indirect object identifies the person to whom or for whom a verb action is done.**
- **A compliment gives details about a noun. A compliment follows verbs like; am, will, is, were, was, are.**
- **A prepositional object refers to a pronoun, noun, or noun phrase that precedes a preposition in a sentence.**



Identify the noun clauses in the following sentences.

- 1. I hope to win the first prize.**
- 2. I tried to solve the puzzle.**
- 3. Did you enjoy reading this book?**
- 4. The boy wants to go home.**
- 5. Horses prefer living in dark stables.**
- 6. The accused refused to answer the question.**
- 7. The boy denied stealing the money.**
- 8. To write such rubbish is disgraceful.**
- 9. I dislike having to punish my kids.**
- 10. I will hate to do such a thing.**