

Phrases and Clauses

Clauses

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It can be a complete sentence called an independent clause

Example: "She went to the store."

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It can also be part of a sentence called a dependent or subordinating clause

Example: “Because I was tired”

This clause needs something else to become a complete thought!

Phrases

A phrase is a group of words that does not have a subject and a verb.

They work together as a team within a sentence.

Phrases

There are different types of phrases
with different purposes

Examples:

Noun Phrase: “The big blue house”

Verb Phrase: “has been waiting”

Prepositional Phrase: “in the park”

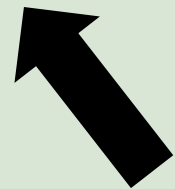
See how the
words work
together to
make
meaning?

Gerund Phrases

A phrase that includes a gerund, which is a verb form that is used as a noun

Example:

Swimming is my favorite activity.



verb + -ing = gerund!

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Gerund phrases can be used in many ways!

Running a marathon can be
physically demanding

In this sentence, “running a marathon” is the gerund phrase and it acts as the subject of the sentence.

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I enjoy **reading books** in my
free time.

In this sentence, “reading books” is the gerund phrase and it acts as the direct object of the verb “enjoy”.

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His passion for playing the guitar is evident in his performances.

In this sentence, “His passion for playing the guitar” is the gerund phrase and it acts as the subject of the sentence.

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What is the gerund phrase in this sentence? How is it used?

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The gerund phrase is being used as the subject of the sentence.

Infinitive Phrases

A phrase that includes an infinitive verb, which is usually “to” following by the base form of a verb

Infinitive verbs express an action or state of being without showing tense, person, or number

Example: **To study** is essential for success in 7th grade.



to + verb = infinitive verb!

Infinitive Phrases

Example:

To swim in the ocean is
my dream.

The infinitive phrase is used as the subject in this sentence.

Infinitive Phrases

Example:

**She asked me to help
her with the project.**

The infinitive phrase is used as the direct object to “asked”.

Infinitive Phrases

Example:

**I am excited to learn a
new language.**

The infinitive phrase is used as an object that complements the verb “am”.

Infinitive Phrases

Your Turn:

I need a book to read
during my vacation.

What is the infinitive phrase? How is it used in this sentence? Hint: look for the word “to”.

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during my vacation.**

The infinitive phrase is being used as an adjective to describe “book”.

Appositive Phrases

An appositive phrase is a group of words that identifies or renames a noun or pronoun in a sentence.

It provides more information about the noun or pronoun it is describing, making the sentence more descriptive and engaging.

Example: *My friend, **the talented artist**, won the art competition.*



appositive phrase

Appositive Phrases

Look for additional information next to a noun or pronoun, enclosed in commas.

Ask the question, "What is the extra information adding to the sentence?"

Remember: Appositive phrases can be short or long, and they always provide more details about the noun or pronoun.

Participle Phrases

A participle phrase is a group of words that includes a participle (verb form) and acts as an adjective, modifying a noun or pronoun.

It describes the characteristics or qualities of the noun or pronoun, giving more detail to the sentence.

Example: *The dog, **excited to go for a walk**, barked happily.*



participle phrase

Participle Phrases

Look for words ending in '-ing' (present participle) or '-ed'/'-en' (past participle) that modify a noun or pronoun.

Ask the question, "What is the verb form (participle) describing?"

Remember: Participle phrases usually come right after the noun or pronoun they modify.