

Phrases

What is a phrase?

A phrase is a group of words. They are not full sentences and therefore don't make sense on their own. They **do not** contain verbs.

E.g the viscous dog

the vast ocean

over the hill

There are no full stops and capital letters in phrases as they are not full sentences.



There are many types of phrases:

	Noun Phrase	Expanded Noun Phrase	Prepositional Phrase	Adverbial Phrase
What is it?	A group of words that has a noun as a key word. Sometimes a sentence will have one than one noun phrase.	When we add more detail to our noun phrases, they become expanded noun phrases.	A prepositional phrase includes the object that the preposition in a sentence is referring to and any other words that link it to the preposition.	Adverbial phrases tell us how, where, where, when, how long or why.
Examples	the year three class the strong wind The elderly man walked to the supermarket.	the beautiful, striped butterfly the long, winding road	beneath the mattress into the woods	with a grumpy face for nineteen years

Be careful:

Adverbial phrases and prepositional phrases are very often the same thing!

Prepositional phrases are either noun phrases **or** adverbial phrases.

If a prepositional phrase answers any of these questions: 'Where?' 'When?' 'In what manner?' 'To what extent?' then it is also an adverbial phrase.

E.g He lost it **in the castle**.

Not all adverbial phrases are prepositional phrases though!

E.g He ran **extremely cautiously**.

