

Key Stage Four

Noun Phrases

A noun phrase is a phrase that plays the role of a noun. The head word in a noun phrase will be a noun or a pronoun. Like any noun, a noun phrase can be a subject, an object, or a complement.

In the examples below, the whole noun phrase is shaded and the head word is in bold.

- I like **singing** in the bath.
- I know **the back streets**.
- I've met **the last remaining chief**.

In these three examples, the words in bold are all pronouns. The ability to replace the noun phrases in the first three examples with a pronoun proves that the shaded texts are functioning as nouns, making them *noun phrases*.

- ❖ I like **it**.
- ❖ I know **them**.
- ❖ I've met **him**.

Adverbial Phrases

Adverbial phrase is the term for two or more words which play the role of an adverb.

- I will sit **quietly**. (normal adverb)
- I will sit **in silence**. (adverbial phrase)
- I will sit **like a monk meditates**. (adverbial clause)

Adverbial Phrases

When used to modify a verb, an adverb will usually describe *when*, *where*, or *how* something happens.

When (Adverbial Phrase of Time)- An adverbial phrase of time states when something happens or how often.

I'll do it in a minute.

Where (Adverbial Phrase of Place)- An adverbial phrase of place states where something happens.

You couldn't park anywhere near the place.

How (Adverbial Phrase of Manner)- An adverbial phrase of manner states how something is done.

People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.

Swapping Clauses



❖ The assassin **blew a kiss**, with hate in his heart.

❖ With hate in his heart, the assassin **blew a kiss**.

❖ The assassin, with hate in his heart, **blew a kiss**.



MC- Main Clause
SC- Subordinate Clause

Developing Points

- ❖ Additionally
- ❖ Moreover
- ❖ In addition
- ❖ Furthermore
- ❖ Plus
- ❖ What's more

Analysis Starters

- ❖ The effect of this device is...
- ❖ The effect of this implies...
- ❖ This highlights...
- ❖ This effect accentuates...
- ❖ This suggests...
- ❖ The writer is implying
- ❖ This device is emphasising...

Exploring Alternatives

- ❖ Some people argue that...
- ❖ It is conceivable...
- ❖ It has been suggested that...
- ❖ It is possible that...
- ❖ One possible interpretation is...
- ❖ This might mean...
- ❖ Arguably...
- ❖ Potentially

Conjunctions Used to Compare

Linking words...

Adding information

- ❖ And
- ❖ In addition
- ❖ As well as
- ❖ Also
- ❖ Too
- ❖ Furthermore
- ❖ Moreover
- ❖ Apart from
- ❖ In addition to
- ❖ Besides

Contrasting ideas

- ❖ But
- ❖ However
- ❖ Although
- ❖ Even though
- ❖ Despite
- ❖ Despite the fact that
- ❖ In spite of
- ❖ In spite of the fact that
- ❖ Nevertheless
- ❖ Nonetheless
- ❖ While
- ❖ Whereas
- ❖ Unlike

Sequencing ideas

- ❖ Firstly
- ❖ Secondly
- ❖ Finally
- ❖ The first point is
- ❖ Lastly
- ❖ The following

Giving a reason

- ❖ Due to / due to the fact that
- ❖ Owing to / owing to the fact that
- ❖ Since
- ❖ As