

NOUN PHRASES (Study Notes)

Noun phrases are groups of words that function like nouns. Typically, they act as subjects, objects or prepositional objects in a sentence.



The purpose of a noun phrase is to provide more detail to a sentence. Therefore, a noun phrase can function in different ways within a sentence. View a few example sentences using noun phrases in different ways.

i. Noun Phrase as a Subject

A subject is a word, phrase, or clause that performs the action of or acts upon the verb.

E.g.

The baby cried.

Dogs and cats make excellent pets.

ii. Noun Phrase as an Object

E.g.

- At the zoo, I saw **a striped zebra**.
- I want **a cute puppy** for Christmas.

iii. Noun Phrase as a Prepositional Object

When the noun phrase becomes a prepositional object, it will start with a preposition like "in" or "to."

- Mary lives *in an eclectic household*.
- Jose drives *to an awful job* every morning.

iv. Noun Phrase as Subject Complement of sentence

A subject complement is a word, phrase, or clause that follows a linking verb and describes the subject of a clause.

Ex-

My grandfather is a farmer.

Our favorite pets are dogs with short hair.

My father is a doctor.

