

Chapter- 7

Phrases 1 Noun, Verb and Adverb

- Phrases are groups of words that do not have a subject and a predicate. They do not make complete sense on their own and form a part of sentences.
- Depending upon their functions in a sentence, phrase can be divided into the following types:

Noun phrase

Verb phrase

Adjectival phrase

Prepositional phrase

Adverb phrase

- A noun phrase is a group of words that has a noun as its head word. It functions as a noun or pronoun in a sentence.
- Examples –
 - A new mall is being built in the city. (subject)
 - Nabeela bought the blue box from the market. (object)
 - Mohan arrived in a black sedan car. (object of preposition)
- A verb phrase is a phrase that has a main verb as its head word. It functions as a single verb in a sentence by talking about an action or a state of being.
- An adverb phrase has an adverb as its head word. It acts as an adverb in a sentence and modifies the verb.

1. Underline the noun phrases in the following sentences. Also, circle the head words in them.

- They used to stay in that big house. (head word – big)
- Those CDs belong to me. (head word – President)
- Dr. Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India. (head word – President)
- The little boy sings well. (head word – boy)
- We cancelled the picnic due to bad weather. (head word – picnic)
- The clever detective solved the mystery. (head word – detective)
- Ajit bought three coffee – table books from that book store. (head word – books)

2. Underline the verb phrases in the following sentences. Also, circle the main verbs.

- a) The player could not hear the coach. (main verb – hear)
- b) We may go to cinema tomorrow. (main verb – go)
- c) Suresh has lost his sunglasses. (main verb – lost)
- d) I should finish the article before Monday. (main verb – finish)
- e) We were reading a short story since morning. (main verb – reading)
- f) Abhishek has been waiting at the railway station. (main verb – waiting)
- g) We must not make any noise in a hospital. (main verb – noise)

3. Underline the verb phrases in the following sentences. Also, circle the adverbs.

- a) She was walking with great speed. (main verb – walking , adverb – great speed)
- b) You have been watching television all day. (main verb – watching, adverb – all day)
- c) I will talk to her tomorrow morning. (main verb – talk , adverb – tomorrow)
- d) You should walk very carefully. (main verb – walk , adverb – carefully)
- e) It is raining quite heavily. (main verb – raining , adverb – heavily)
- f) The shopkeeper responded to him very rudely. (main verb – responded , adverb – rudely)
- g) The naughty kids have been bursting crackers near the hospital. (main verb – bursting , adverb – near)

4. Complete the sentences with appropriate phrases from the box. Mention the type of phrases in the space provided.

- a) Himanshu always plays with his younger brother. (noun phrase)
- b) The family will go (verb phrase) to Kanyakumari for the summer vacation. (adverb phrase)
- c) Can you drive more carefully? (adverb phrase)
- d) One should throw (verb phrase) garbage in the dustbin. (adverb phrase)
- e) All the kids are sleeping peacefully. (noun phrase)
- f) The demands were stated very clearly. (adverb phrase)
- g) The mechanic had repaired (verb phrase) the broken car.(adverb phrase)

5. Fill in the blanks with appropriate phrases of your choice to complete the following sentences.

- a) I lost my bag in the school.
- b) His sister is playing in the park.
- c) Anita brought a new pencil box to the school today.
- d) We will complete the work before the noon.
- e) His family consisted of seven members.
- f) You should leave for the airport before the evening.
- g) The girl is singing the song very beautifully.

