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What is verb phrase?

→ Verb phrases are verbs that are made up of more than one word.

Ex - Dogs chase cats.

Dogs are chasing cats.

A verb phrase consists of two things:

1. The main verb
2. A helping verb

Ex. The ~~the~~ brown cow ~~is~~ ^{is} jumping over the rusty fence.

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main verb

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Helping verb

Examples:

- Brandon will be graduating from middle school in a few weeks.
- Josiah can spell almost any word in the dictionary.
- I might go to the birthday party.

this weekend,

verb phrases as predicates
Predicates is the part of a sentence or clause containing a verb and starting something about the Subject

- My puppy drinks milk.
- ~~My~~ I am studying linguistics.
- The vase was broken by the cat.
- The students will finish their homework.
- We have eaten all the pie.
- She will have earned her degree in May.

verb phrases as Noun phrase
Modifiers

Noun phrase modifiers are defined

as words and phrase that describe
a noun or noun phrase

- The woman ~~read~~ reading the book just yelled at me.
- My dog is the puppy chewing on the rawhide.
- I saw the man sleeping on the bus.
- Do you have a book to read in the car?
- The food to eat is ^{on} the table.