

phrase

A phrase is a combination of words that makes sense, but not completes sense. (It is often without a verb). There are different types of phrases like noun phrases, adjective phrases, adverb phrases, prepositional phrases, etc. Example: A woman in black clothes, during the play, in the rain.

Types/Kinds of phrase

1. The Noun phrases.

A noun phrase is a group of words that does the work of a noun or pronoun.

Example:

- She asked a difficult question.

2. Adjective phrases.

It is a prepositional phrase that qualifies or tells us about a noun or pronoun. An adjective phrase is a group of words that does the work of an adjective.

Example:

- The student in the room...

3. The Adverb phrase.

It is a prepositional phrase that tells us about a verb or adjective or an adverb

Example:

- We sat under the tree.

4. The prepositional phrases.

It is a prepositional with its object and any other word. It functions as an adjective or adverb phrase.

It begins with a prepositional and ends with a noun/pronoun.

Example:

- In a minute, into the well, etc.

5. The participial phrases.

It is made up of participle (verb and adjective combine) and word that modifies (change) the participle or complete it meaning.

Example:

- Saddened by the tragedy, delighted at the joke.

6. The infinitive phrases.

It is made up of infinitive (which often starts with “to” and a function as a noun or adjective or adverb), its compliments (a word which completes it meaning), and any modifier (a word that gives additional information about it).

Example:

- To climb on a rock, to swim in dangerous water.

7. The verb phrases.

It is one or more helping verbs and the main verb together.

Example:

- Are sleeping, had met, will have left.

8. The gerund phrases.

A gerund is made up of a gerund and its complement and a modifier.

Example:

- A most horrible thundering dent us into the cave.