Phrases and Their Types

English Worksheet • Grade 6

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1. What is a phrase?

A **phrase** is a group of words that work together but **do not give a complete thought** (it has no subject + verb pair of its own). A **sentence** is a complete thought.

Phrase: *in the garden* → Sentence: *The cat sleeps in the garden.*

2. Three types of phrases

Type	What is it?	Example (phrase in bold)	Quick tip
Noun phrase	A noun + the words that describe it (the, a, big, red...). It names a person, place or thing.	**The tall, friendly teacher** smiled.	Ask: *Who or what?*
Verb phrase	A main verb + helping verb(s) such as is, are, was, has, have, will, can. It shows the action.	She **has been reading** a book. Tom **will visit** his aunt.	Ask: *What is the action?*
Prepositional phrase	Starts with a preposition (in, on, at, under, with, for, after) + a noun or pronoun. It tells *where, when* or *how*.	The cat sleeps **under the table**. We play **after school**.	Structure: preposition + (the) + noun

3. Remember the differences

- A **noun phrase** *names* something; a **verb phrase** *shows action*; a **prepositional phrase** *adds detail* (where, when, how).
- A verb phrase has **more than one verb word** (*is playing, will go*). A single verb like *runs* is just a verb.
- Every prepositional phrase has a **noun after the preposition**: *on* (preposition) + *the table* (noun).

4. Practice (solve at home)

A. Write N (noun phrase), V (verb phrase) or P (prepositional phrase) for the bold words.

1. **The little puppy** barked loudly. _____
2. Hira **has finished** her homework. _____
3. The book is **on the shelf**. _____
4. Ali **can swim** very fast. _____
5. **A bright red kite** flew in the sky. _____
6. We **will go** to the market. _____

B. Underline the prepositional phrase in each sentence.

7. The children are playing in the park.
8. My mother cooks dinner at six o'clock.
9. The bird sat on the old branch.

C. Fill in each blank with the type of phrase given.

10. _____ (noun phrase) is sitting on the sofa.
11. The girls _____ (verb phrase) their lessons.
12. Write your own sentence with a prepositional phrase and underline it:

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