

NOUN PHRASE

A **Noun Phrase**: a group of words with a noun head as the nucleus and some other words as modifiers and/or qualifiers.

Modifiers?

Words that modify and precede the nucleus head. It may give more information about particular noun; identify it and describe it more detail.

Qualifiers?

Words that qualify and follow the nucleus head.

Modifiers and qualifiers can be in the form of various forms.

➤ **Modifiers**

There are several words that can function as modifiers in a noun phrase.

1. [Article/deictic– Headword]

a book
the formula
some equipment

2. [**Possessive adj - H**]

our school
your solution

3. [(**det**) - **Descriptive adj - H**]

a good book
excellent remarks

4. [**Demonstrative adj – (adj) - H**]

this naughty child
those rich countries
that modern equipment
these completely different technique

5. [**Quantifiers – (adj) - H**]

one triangle
several young lecturers

6. [(**det**) – **verb+ing - H**]

a swimming pool
the opening ceremony
a developing country
a slowly moving train

7. [(det) – verb3 ('ed' form verb) - H]

a *revised* edition

the *estimated* cost

that *fallen* tree

several *used* books

corned beef

this specially *equipped* plane

8. [(det) – Noun - H]

The *bus* station

a *call* girl

World *Health* Organization

➤ Qualifiers

There are several words that can function as qualifiers in a noun phrase.

1. [(det)– Headword – Prepositional Phrase]

an integral with *upper and lower boundary*

the area between *the two curves*

the colour of *the sea*

the people in *Java*

2. [(det) – H – to infinitives (verb with 'to')]

A simple formula to solve the problem
much work to do
many experts to assist us

3. [(det) – H – verb+ing]

the line lying on the coordinate plane
the man sitting at the corner
people travelling long distances

4. [(det) – H – verb3]

a proof founded by a famous scientist
things made in Japan
some novels written by Kristy

5. [(det) – H – place adverb]

the gradient of the line *below*
down in the *dungeon underneath*

6. [(det) – H – time adverb]

the meeting this *afternoon*
linier regression's exercise of *today*

7. [(det) – H – relative clause]

the topic *which we will discuss* seems
very important

Shortly after the exam, the boy who *had stolen* the purse was arrested.

8. [(det) – H – adjective]

something *important*

parents *interested* in the program

➤ **POSISI DAN FUNGSI NOUN PHRASE**

A. Sebagai **Subjek**

1. **The lessons** begin at 7 am and finish at 1 pm.
2. **Things made in Japan** are very popular everywhere.
3. There is always **something new**.
4. **The issue which we will discuss** is very important.

B. Sebagai **Objek**

1. Many people suffer from **mental disturbance** nowadays.
2. They gave **some help** to the refugees.
3. The doctor will cure **his broken leg**.
4. We need **experts who can assist us in the development of modern technology**.

C. Sebagai **Pelengkap Predikat (Complement)**

1. Mount Merapi is **a smoking volcano**.
2. The committee considers it **a sound plan**.
3. It is **a good thing** to be on time.
4. Religion, race, and education are **some differences** that are known.

D. Sebagai **Keterangan (bersama preposisi)**

1. The tourist went *to* **the beach** by bus.
2. There will be economic recession *in* **the following year**.
3. *With* **some knowledge of English** they can easily get jobs.
4. The questionnaires are sent *to* **the university from which they graduate**.

E. Sebagai **Bagian dari Frasa Benda** yg lebih luas.

1. All the passengers of **the wrecked ship** were hopeless.

F. **Berdiri Sendiri** (sbg judul buku, makalah, artikel, dll)

1. A Smiling General
2. The Sound of Music

Exercise 1

Identify the head word, modifiers and qualifiers of the following phrase.

1. willingness to finish the homework on time
2. valuable old processing unit
3. a simple CPU activity
4. user friendly computers
5. special books in the newly-opened store
6. a modern calculator to graph the equation
7. a good classroom manager with a few disciplines problems
8. a psychological approach to the educational problem
9. the lack of usability in software computer

10. In big cities students' living cost is very high.