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CLASS: SECONDARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TOPIC: COMPREHENSION

SUBTOPIC: Grammatical Names and Functions



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Grammatical names come in different forms it depends on the position such word, phrase and clauses found itself as part of a sentence. It can be a **noun / noun phrase, noun clause, relative phrase/ clause, adverbial phrase or clause**



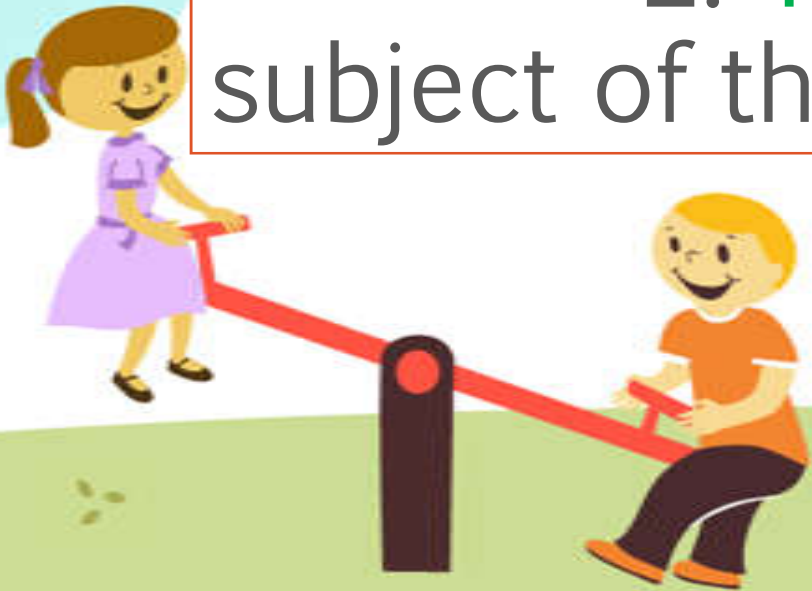
Questions could come in two ways i.e.

1. What is the grammatical form or name of _____ as used in the passage?
2. What is its function?

The boy loves driving and riding in the morning

Question: What is the grammatical function of the boy?

Answer: 1. **Form:** It is a noun phrase
2. **Function:** It functions as the subject of the clause



Question: What is the grammatical function of driving and riding?

Answer:

Form: It is a noun phrase or nominalization

Function: It functions as the complement of the clause



Question

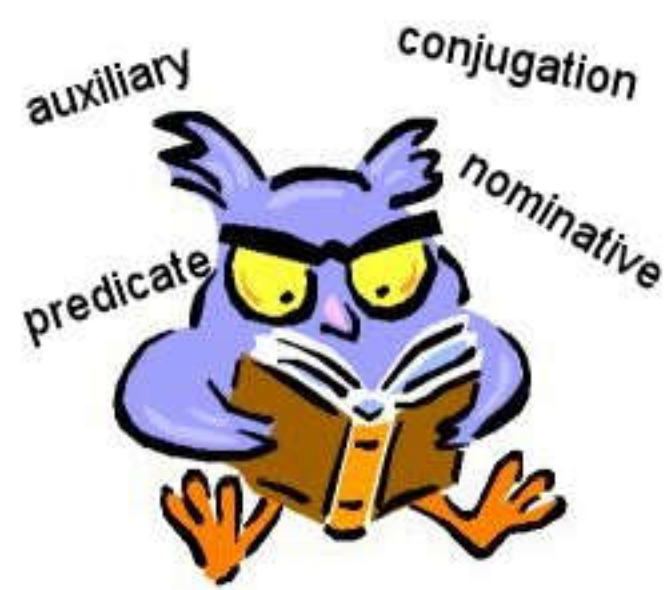
What is the grammatical function of 'in the morning' ?

Answer

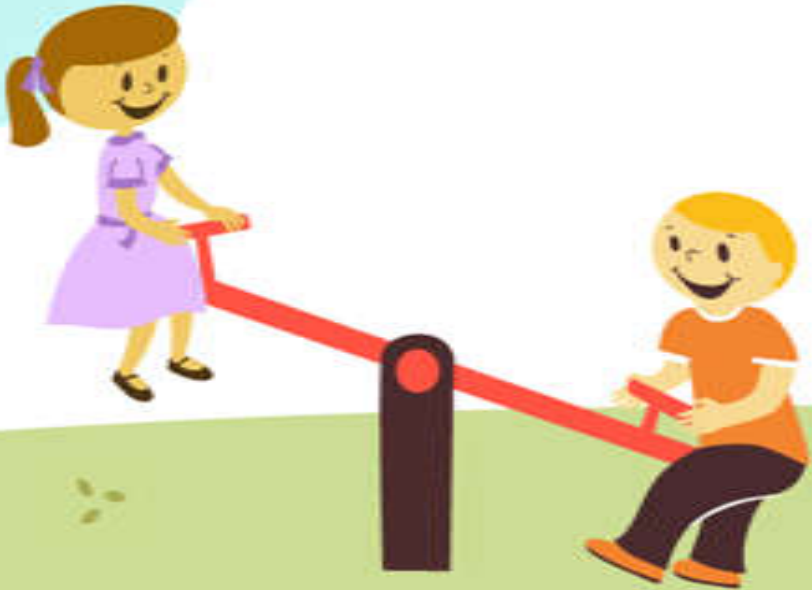
Form: It is an adverbial phrase of time

Function: It modifies (the verb) ' loves'.





Identifying Grammatical Terms, Names of Structures



1). Pronoun

S	P	C
He	Is	kind

He here, is a person pronoun and the subject

2). Noun

S	P	C
Jide	Is	kind

Jide is a noun and the subject

2a). Noun Phrase

S	P	C
The boys	are singing	hymns

The boys is a noun phrase and also a subject

3). Nominalisation

S	P	C
That Kemi likes her country	is	a fact

That kemi likes her country is a noun clause/ nominal clause, because it has it has a finite verb

To + Verb

S	P	C
Our Principal, Mrs. Sofekun	is	a virtuous woman

Here, Mrs. Sofekun is a noun phrase in apposition to our principal

Noun as Complement

S	P	C
I	Know	Femi

Femi is a noun complement

Noun as Complement

S	P	C
I	Know	Where you are

ADJECTIVES

S	P	C
She	Is	beautiful

beautiful is an adjective

Adjectival Phrase

Femi, please call me the girl **in blue dress**
'in blue dress' is an adjectival phrase

Adjectival Clause

S	P	C
That	Is	The girl who broke the glass

Who **broke the glass** describes the girl is an adjectival clause because it has a verb broke

PROPOSITION

S	P	C
She	came	towards me

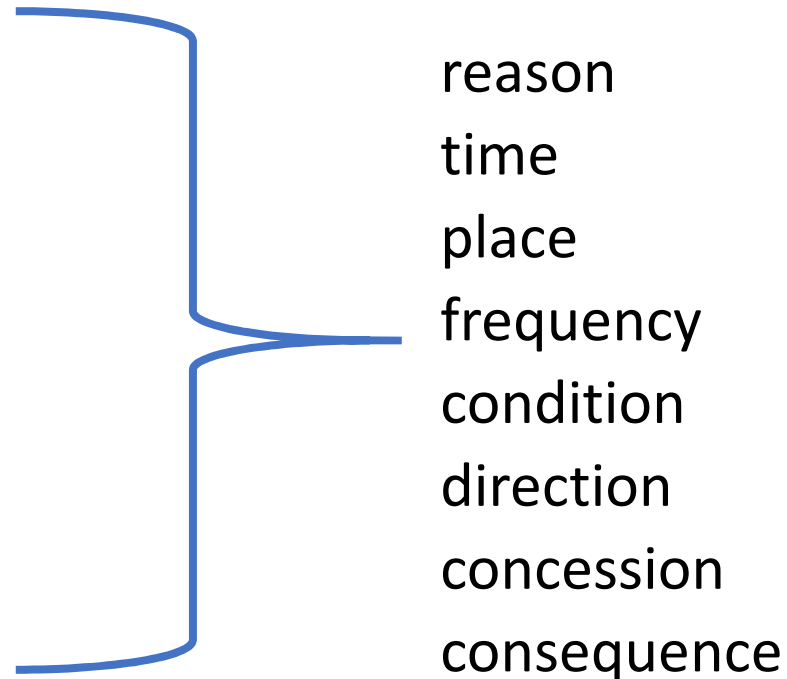
Towards me is a prepositional phrase

ADJUNCT (adverbs, adverbial phrases and adverbial clauses)

An adjunct is a construction that can be used to extend the meaning of a word or phrase, but it is not one of the main constituents of a sentence.

There are different levels of adjunct i.e.

- Adverb.
- Adverbial phrase.
- Adverbial clause.



Identification

Grammatical Name

- **At Subject Level**

Any underlined item at subject level could be noun, pronoun, noun phrase, nominalization, noun clause, noun in pronoun.

Predicator Level

Function

- It functions as the subject of the whole clause
- Question does not usually come from the level because it is easy to identify verbs as lexical and modals

Grammatical Name

- **Complement Level**

Underline items under the complement are noun, pronoun, noun phrase, noun clause, nominalization, noun in apposition, preposition, interjection

- **Adjectives/adjective phrase**

- **Adjunct Level**

Adverbs, adverbial phrases and adverbial clauses

Function

- Any of these may function as object of the preceding verb or as complement of the whole clause.
- This qualifies the noun before it
- This modifies the preceding verb or adjective or, it may even modify a preceding adverbs e.g He speaks very well 'very well' is an adverbial phrase modifying speaks

Exercise

There came a governor who decided to widen all the major roads in the capital city. He stressed that this would involve the demolition of building that fell twenty metres from the centre of the road. However, although the governor also stressed that compensations would be paid. Chief Koko was not impressed. He made it clear that nothing should tamper with his mansion, warning that whoever defied him risked dire consequences.

Not long after the governor's official proclamation, newspaper reporters had a field day speculating on the unprecedented confrontation with Chief. With time, news filtered out that he asserted that whoever dared him would certainly end up where others like them had gone. The message was clear defiance means death!. So, reporters were pleading for a new route to circumvent the mansion. However the governor made it clear that their would be no retreat.

Question

- 1). What grammatical name is given to the expression "Not long after the governor's official proclamation" ?.
- 2). What is its function ?.