

# Phrases

A phrase is a group of words that stands together as a single grammatical unit, typically as part of a clause or a sentence.

A phrase does not contain a **finite verb** and, consequently, cannot convey a complete thought.

A phrase contrasts with a **clause**. A clause does contain a subject and verb, and it can convey a complete idea.

## EXAMPLES :

- The uterus is located **between the fallopian tubes**.
- She gave **a sample of her urine** for the urinalysis.
- You **should have went** to the emergency room.
- Obstetricians have a **very gratifying** profession.
- We have to stop the bleeding **as fast as possible**

Phrases are often classified into five basic types, taking their names from what is considered to be the **class** of the **most important word** in the phrase (or head of the phrase).

These types are:

- **Noun** phrases.
- **Verb** phrases.
- **Adjective** phrases.
- **Adverbial** phrases.
- **Prepositional** phrases.