

Noun phrase

A noun phrase consists of a noun and all its **modifiers**.

EXAMPLES :

- **The newborn** is healthy.
- Do you get **a fainting sensation** along with the pain ?
- I've already had **two miscarriages**.

Noun modifiers:

A noun phrase may optionally contain noun modifiers.

Possible noun modifiers include the following:

1. Determiners:

- Articles (*The ; A ; ...*)
- Demonstratives (*This ; That ; ...*)
- Numerals (*Two ; Five ; ...*)
- Possessives (*My ; Their ; ...*)
- Quantifiers (*Some ; Many ; ...*)

2. Adjectives

3. Complements :

- Prepositional phrase (*The pain is affecting **my quality of life***)
- That-clause (*Every woman should go for **the contraception method that suits her the most***).

Functions of a noun phrase:

A noun phrase can function as a:

- 1) **Subject** (***The breast milk** has everything a newborn needs.*)
- 2) **Object** (*Please describe **the pain that you're feeling**.*)