

# Exercise 1 Solution

Yesterday, Derek went to Waitrose and purchased a loaf of bread, and a pint of milk. It cost him a total of £1.30, which he thought was quite reasonable. When he was in France a few weeks ago he felt that bread was priced a little too high. He's often wondered if he should learn a bit about bread making, but he'd have to learn the basics of cookery first!

Yesterday – DATE

Derek – PERSON

Waitrose – ORG

loaf – QUANTITY

pint – QUANTITY

£1.30 – MONEY

France – GPE

a few weeks ago – DATE

# Exercise 2 Solution

Identify the noun phrases and head nouns in the following sentences :

1. Two **men** walked into their local **bar**, and thought that their **situation** sounded like the start of a **joke**.
2. Many **students** felt that Dan's **tutorial** was the **best**, but then again, **people** are often wrong.
3. Most **people** tend to use **Windows**, but increasingly **people** are turning to **Linux**, as it is a much better **Operating System**.
4. **Suet** can be used to make many different traditional **dishes**.
5. I think my black **cat** thinks I'm rather dull, as he often yawns when I'm talking about my daily **routine**.
6. The above **sentences** show the random stream of **rubbish** that enters my head at any one time.

## Exercise 3 Solution

The (DET) grey (ADJ) horse (NOUN) in (PREP) the (DET) field (NOUN) was (V) slowly (ADV) eating (V) some (DET) grass (NOUN), when (CONJ) she (PRONOUN) looked (V) up (ADV) and (CONJ) saw (V) a (DET) bird (NOUN) fly (V) onto (PREP) the (DET) fence (NOUN). The (DET) bird (NOUN) was (V) then (ADV) joined (V) by (PREP) 400 (DET) more (DET) birds (NOUN). Wow! (INTERJECTION) Clearly (ADV) the (DET) author (NOUN) had (V) been (V) watching (V) too (ADV) much (ADJ / ADV) Alfred (NOUN) Hitchcock (NOUN).

(See next slide for “too much” explanation)

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Some of you may have POS-tagged “too” and “much” in the final sentence both as adverbs, because together they’re modifying the verb *watching*.

However, strictly speaking, that isn’t correct. In fact, “much” in this sentence is playing the role of an *adjective* (to describe “Alfred Hitchcock”) which means that “too” is playing the role of an *adverb* because it’s modifying an adjective.

Honestly, don’t worry about it... Every year I have to remind myself of that one.