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Subject: English

Term 1 – Week 4

Topic: Noun Phrases

Simple Noun Phrases

What is a simple noun phrase?

A simple noun phrase is a group of words that includes a noun at its head - the noun is the main word in the phrase and other words give information about it.

The examples in the boxes:

his toy

those shoes

the house

two children

These examples of simple noun phrases all contain a **determiner** and a **noun**.

Example sentences:

Bring your children with you.

Come inside the house.

Can you put those shoes away?

In these sentences, the noun phrases have been underlined.

For more information on determiners, [click here](#).

Remember...

A phrase is not a sentence. A phrase does not express a complete thought, whereas a sentence does. A sentence contains a subject (noun or pronoun) and a predicate (verb or verb phrase). A phrase does not have both of these - sometimes, it doesn't have either.

Read the following sentences. Underline or circle the **simple noun phrases** in each sentence.

1 The girl played at the park.

6 Early in the morning, a parrot landed on the balcony.

2 "My leg hurts!" shouted the boy.

7 Whose coat is this?

3 That's his bike over there.

8 That's his bike over there.

4 Three cats sat on the fence.

9 Their house is in Manchester.

5 An elephant was walking through the forest.

10 The car splashed through the puddle.

Using Determiners

Try to use a range of determiners with the pictures below, rather than using 'the', 'a' or 'an' repeatedly. Here are some possibilities:

the

my

an

this

some

that

whose

her

your

which

those

many

our

their

his

these

enough

a

what

Write a sentence about each picture and underline the **simple noun phrase(s)** in each one.

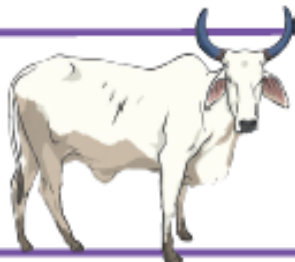
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Simple Noun Phrases - **Answers**

Circle or underline the **simple noun phrases** in each sentence below.

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Using Determiners - **Answers**

Example sentences:

1. Those shoes are lovely!
2. Three cats sat on the wall.
3. The cow ate the grass.
4. Some clothes hung in a wardrobe.
5. An eagle flew through the sky.
6. Whose keys are they?
7. Some ducks are yellow.
8. That is my toy.

Correct the Sentence Punctuation

Write the correct sentence underneath by adding in capital letters, full stops and question marks.

1. my brother's dog is called tess

2. on sunday she went to the park

3. the titanic sank in 1912

4. toby and mark are going to spain in march

5. martha took her children to the zoo yesterday

6. when i go to the shop i will get some crisps

7. sameera and i are going to town on friday

8. did you sell buns at the fair

9. my mum has a cat he is called tom

10. have you got a dress for the prom

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	Toby and Mark are going to Spain in March.
5. martha took her children to the zoo yesterday	
	Martha took her children to the zoo yesterday.
6. when i go to the shop i will get some crisps	
	When I go to the shop, I will get some crisps.
7. sameera and i are going to town on friday	
	Sameera and I are going to town on Friday.
8. did you sell buns at the fair	
	Did you sell buns at the fair?
9. my mum has a cat he is called tom	
	My mum has a cat. He is called Tom.
10. have you got a dress for the prom	
	Have you got a dress for the prom?

Compound Sentences

Useful Information

A sentence that expresses two complete thoughts is a compound sentence.

In a compound sentence, two independent clauses can be joined by a comma and a conjunction. Each clause has a subject and a verb.

When you are writing, it would be strange to only use short, simple sentences. Instead, try making some compound sentences.

'I do not like eating meat.' is a simple sentence.

'I love vegetables.' is also a simple sentence.

By putting the two sentences together and joining them with a conjunction, we can make a much more interesting compound sentence.

'I do not like eating meat' + but + 'I love vegetables.'

'I do not like eating meat, but I love vegetables.'

Remember, commas are not conjunctions and they should never be used to join two sentences together. (Commas are not sticky, so you can't use them to stick information together!)

Challenge 1

Join the following sentences together to make compound sentences. Choose a suitable conjunction.

1. I enjoy reading. I don't enjoy cooking.
2. Ben is thoughtful. He always plays with me when I'm lonely.
3. Kate walked home from school slowly. She was tired.
4. Babies cry all the time. They can get some attention from their mum.
5. Year Five is a hardworking class. All of the children want to do well at school.
6. I can use simple sentences in my writing. I can use compound ones to make it more interesting.

Challenge 2

Tell whether or not each sentence is a compound sentence. Write compound or not compound next to the sentence.

1. Mr. Dubois is fixing the roof on his house.
2. Chloe and her friends went to the cinema but they didn't buy any popcorn.
3. Brandon went to the football game last night but his favourite team lost.
4. Dr. Brown said I could come to his office on Wednesday or I could come on Thursday of next week.
5. I'm going to buy a new tablet computer or I might buy a new mobile phone.
6. Grandma is a terrific cook and we love staying at her house.
7. I'm going to pick up cheese, crackers and juice at the shop.
8. Would you like some hot chocolate or orange juice?

Challenge 3

1. Write a compound sentence. Draw a red line under the first independent clause. Draw a blue line under the second independent clause.

2. Write another compound sentence. Draw a green line under the conjunction.

Challenge 4

Explain why each compound sentence is incorrectly written:

- a) I wanted to visit my cousin, I didn't have enough money for a bus ticket.

- b) My dog lost her favourite toy, yet I bought her a new one.

Compound Sentences – Answers

Challenge 1

Example answers (other co-ordinating conjunction choices are possible):

1. I enjoy reading but I don't enjoy cooking.
2. Ben is thoughtful and he always plays with me when I'm lonely.
3. Kate walked home from school slowly for she was tired.
4. Babies cry all the time so they can get some attention from their mum.
5. Year Five is a hardworking class and all of the children want to do well at school.
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Challenge 2

1. Mr. Dubois is fixing the roof on his house. – **not compound**
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Example answer: I don't like sprouts but I do like cabbage

2. Write another compound sentence. Draw a green line under the conjunction.

Example answer: I was feeling very tired yet I still went to football training.

Challenge 4

Explain why each compound sentence is incorrectly written:

- a. I wanted to visit my cousin, I didn't have enough money for a bus ticket.

The compound sentence needs the co-ordinating conjunction 'but' instead of the comma.

- b. My dog lost her favourite toy, yet I bought her a new one.

The co-ordinating conjunction 'yet' doesn't fit into this sentence. It needs replacing with 'so' or 'and'.

Complex Sentences

What Are Complex Sentences?

A complex sentence is a type of sentence that contains one independent and at least one dependent clause (sometimes called a subordinate clause).

Independent Clause	Dependent (Subordinate) Clause
I am going to have ice cream	when I get home.

Here are some example complex sentences. The independent clause is bold.

Marama was so excited to get a part in the production, even if it was small.

After the storm, **the streets were covered in debris.**

Have a Go!

Have a go at identifying the clauses below. Remember, an independent clause can make sense as a sentence. A dependent clause will not make sense as a sentence.

Circle either independent or dependent for the clauses below:

The trees swayed	independent	dependent
In the wind	independent	dependent
The water was cold	independent	dependent
After summer is over	independent	dependent
We won the championship	independent	dependent

Sentence Structure

You may have noticed that dependent clauses can go at the start, middle or end of a sentence:

After the storm, the streets were covered in debris.

The train, *which was 20 minutes late,* pulled into the station.

Reuben plays hockey *because he likes it.*

Circle the independent clauses in the sentences below. Underline the dependent clauses in the sentences below.

Mum took the car in for a service *because it was starting to make weird noises.*

Although my friends begged me, I chose not to go to the party.

Because he was so small, the cat was often hard to find around the house.

The museum was very interesting, *as I expected.*

Since winter is coming, I think I'll knit a warm jumper, *because I'm always cold.*

Your Turn!

Have a go writing some complex sentences on the lines below. Remember your sentence needs two parts – an independent clause and a dependent one.

Complex Sentences Answers

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Prefixes un- and re- and suffixes -ful and -ness

Cloze Procedure: Use the clues to help you fill in the correct words to complete the story.



Word Bank

fitness				retie
refilling	unwrap	beautiful	unpacked	tearful
wonderful	laziness	careful	repack	illness
playful	thankful	reuse	gracefully	repaint
darkness	unfinished		uncommon	repay

The Langa Family has been visiting Uncle Lebo on the farm. They are _____ that they have such a _____ farm to visit. The children, Bongi and Nandi, have learnt so many _____ new things.

Nandi had to _____ her suitcase after Baby Tami _____ everything. She wanted to drink cola for breakfast, but discovered that it was _____ to do so. Bongi and her had so much fun trying to get the sheep back into the pen after someone had forgotten to _____ the gate.

The children splashed paint all over themselves when they _____ the barn with uncle Lebo. Uncle Lebo is so _____. He is working on his _____, so he chased

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Bongi and Nandi with paint brushes. He says being fit helps keep you healthy, so you don't suffer from any _____.

There was no time for _____ on the farm. The children also helped build the _____ barn for the calves. They learnt that you can _____ bricks if they have been baked in the kiln properly.

The whole family went for a picnic and returned to the farm house before _____ fell. At the picnic, Nandi saw a little bee _____ flying from flower to flower, _____ its pollen sacks.

At the end of the holiday, Mom, Dad, Bongi, Nandi, Baby Tami, Gogo, and Tiggy all said a _____ goodbye to Uncle Lebo. Uncle Lebo told Dad to be _____ while driving. He gave each of the children a special gift to _____ in the car. They all hope to _____ the farm a visit one day soon.



Prefixes un- and re- and suffixes

-ful and -ness Answers

Cloze Procedure: Use the clues to help you fill in the correct words to complete the story.

The Langa Family has been visiting Uncle Lebo on the farm. They are thankful that they have such a beautiful farm to visit. The children, Bongi and Nandi, have learnt so many wonderful new things.

Nandi had to repack her suitcase after Baby Tami unpacked everything. She wanted to drink cola for breakfast, but discovered that it was uncommon to do so. Bongi and her had so much fun trying to get the sheep back into the pen after someone had forgotten to retie the gate.

The children splashed paint all over themselves when they repainted the barn with uncle Lebo. Uncle Lebo is so playful. He is working on his fitness, so he chased Bongi and Nandi with paint brushes. He says being fit helps keep you healthy, so you don't suffer from any illness.

There was no time for laziness on the farm. The children also helped build the unfinished barn for the calves. They learnt that you can reuse bricks if they have been baked in the kiln properly.

The whole family went for a picnic and returned to the farm house before darkness fell. At the picnic, Nandi saw a little bee gracefully flying from flower to flower, refilling its pollen sacks.

At the end of the holiday, Mom, Dad, Bongi, Nandi, Baby Tami, Gogo, and Tiggy all said a tearful goodbye to Uncle Lebo. Uncle Lebo told Dad to be careful while driving. He gave each of the children a special gift to unwrap in the car. They all hope to repay the farm a visit one day soon.