**Phrases**

**phrase** is a group of words that work together to make meaning, but it is not a complete sentence. In other words, it does not have both a subject and a verb.

**Phrases** are units of meaning that can be put together to make up sentences.

**Examples of Phrases:**

There are several different kinds of phrases in the English language. Some of the more common ones are described below.

[Noun phrase](http://www.softschools.com/examples/grammar/noun_phrases_examples/65/)-a group of words made up of a noun and all its modifiers

Verb phrase-a group of words made up of a verb, any helping verbs, and any modifiers

Prepositional phrase-a group of words that begins with a preposition and helps to explain the relationship between two things. Prepositional phrases can function as adverbs (adverb phrase), adjectives (adjective phrase), and sometimes as a noun.

Examples of **phrases**:

the brown hat

blowing away

in the wind

Example of **phrases** put together in a sentence:

The brown hat was blowing away in the wind.

Examples of [**noun phrases**](http://www.softschools.com/examples/grammar/noun_phrases_examples/65/):

the brown hat

my English teacher

the grocery store

Examples of **verb phrases**:

ran quickly

has been raining

stopped

Examples of **prepositional phrases**:

on the boat

above the stove

around the corner