

Phrases, Clauses, and Sentences

- Syntax- placement/order of a sentence
- Phrase: group of related words; not a statement; acts as a single part of speech
 - Noun phrase: noun and its modifiers
 - Appositive: noun and a "renaming" of the noun
 - Verb phrase: verb and its modifiers (not direct object); adverbs; auxiliary verbs
 - Prepositional phrase: begins with a preposition; follows a noun or verb; links individual words
 - Verbal phrase: Gerund/participle and its modifiers
- Clause
 - Group of related words
 - Makes a statement
 - Subject/object and predicate
 - Not a part of speech
 - Subordinate clause
 - Linked to main sentence by a subordinate conjunction
 - Can't stand on its own as a sentence
 - Sentence fragment
 - Introduced by subordinate conjunctions and relative pronouns
 - Adds information to the independent clause
 - Independent clause
 - Makes a statement
 - Simple sentence
 - Complete thought
 - Can stand on its own as a sentence
- Sentences
 - Simple sentence: one clause; subject and predicate
 - Compound sentence: more than one subject or predicate; linked by conjunctions (and, but, etc).
 - Complex: a sentence containing an independent clause and a subordinate clause
 - Compound-complex: a sentence containing two or more independent clauses and at least one subordinate clause