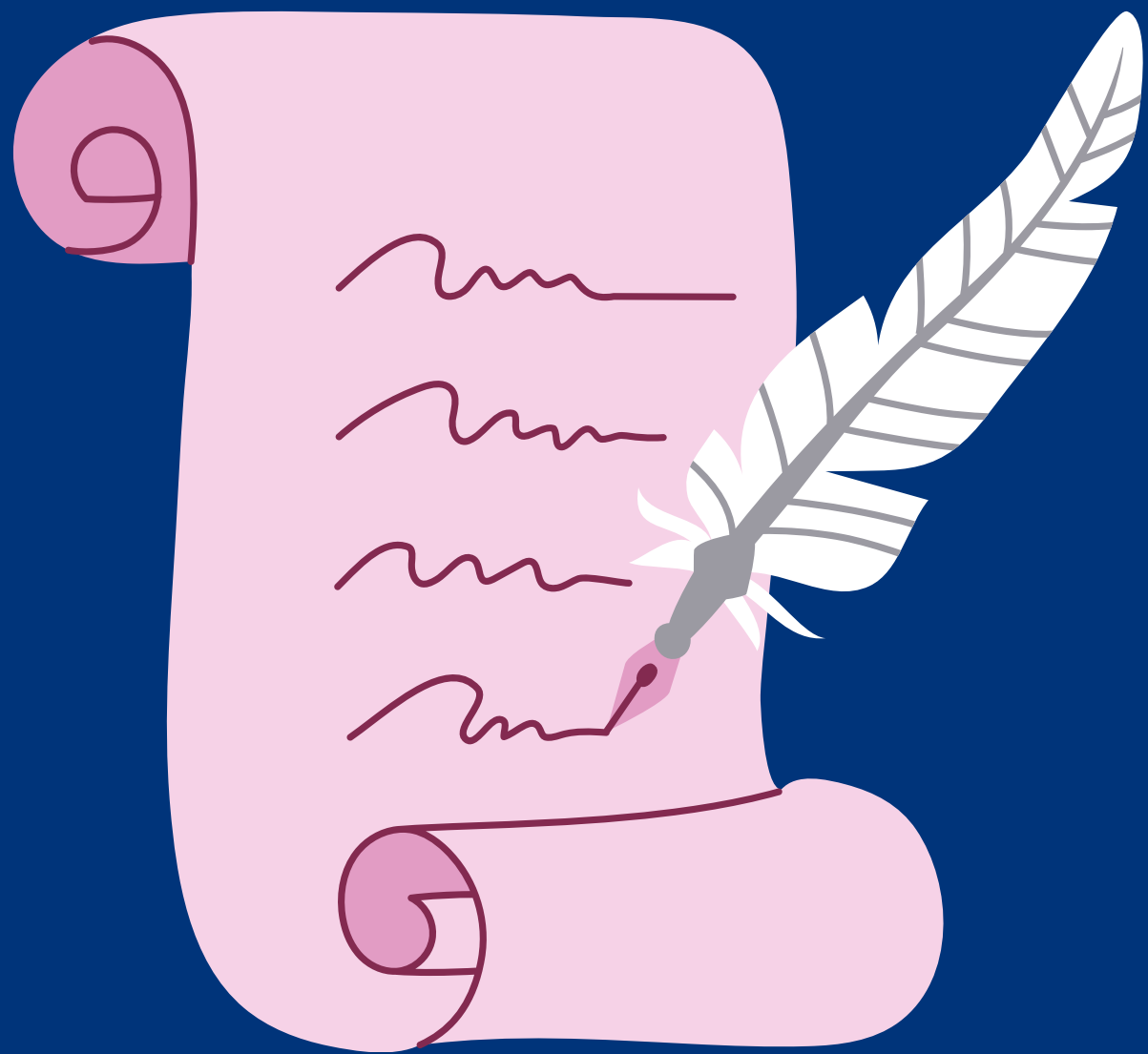


Sentence structure



Phrases

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Phrases

A phrase is a group of words that **work together as one part of speech** in a sentence. A phrase does NOT have both a subject and a verb



Eight types of phrases

➤ **Noun Phrase**

➤ **Prepositional Phrase**

➤ **Verb Phrase**

➤ **Infinitive Phrase**

➤ **Adjective Phrase**

➤ **Gerund Phrase**

➤ **Adverb Phrase**

➤ **Participial Phrase**





Noun Phrase

Function

Example

Subject

The tall boy in the red shirt runs very fast.

Object

I saw a beautiful painting of the mountains.

Complement

My dream is a successful career in medicine.



Verb Phrase

Function

Example

Verb

She **has finished** her homework.

They **are playing** football in the park.

We **will be going** to Paris next week.



Adjective Phrase

Function

functions as
an adjective
phrase (AP)
modifies
Noun

Example

Noun phrase (NP) = Subject

The girl with curly hair is my friend.

↓
Noun
phrase
(NP)

↓
Prepositional
phrase (PP)

↓
Verb

↓
Subject
complement
(SC)

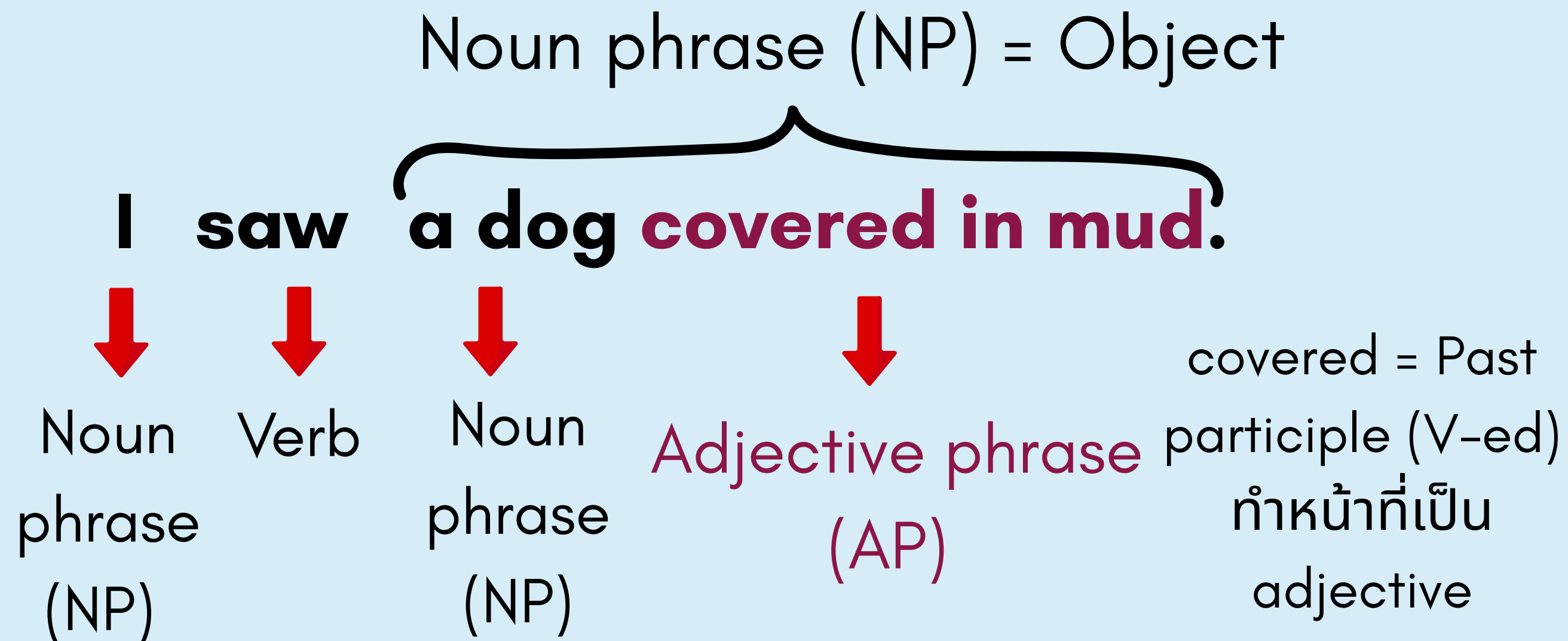


Adjective Phrase

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Adverb Phrase

Function

Example

modifies

Verb

She sang **very beautifully** yesterday.

Adjective

The exam was **surprisingly** difficult.

Adverb

He ran **very** quickly.



Prepositional Phrase

Function

Example

Adjective

The book **on the chair** is mine.

The cake **on the table** looks delicious.

Adverb

He ran **across the field**.

She sat **under the tree**.



Infinitive Phrase

Function

Example

Noun

To learn English is important.

Adjective

I have a report to finish tonight.

Adverb

She went to the library to study English.



Gerund Phrase

Function

Example

Noun:

Subject

Reading books before bed helps me relax.

Object

She enjoys playing the piano in the evening.

Complement

His favorite activity is watching movies.



Participial Phrase

Function

modifies noun

- **Present participle**
- **Past participle**
- **Perfect participle**

Example

The man **running down the street** is my uncle.

The letter **written by the secretary** was good.

Having finished his homework, Tom went out to play.



Thank you

