

Nouns and Noun Phrases

A noun names a person (brother, Mrs. Jones), place (Paris, United States), thing (table, television), or animal.

Task 1: Underline the nouns from the following sentences.

Reading gives me great wisdom and joy.
Thought never killed anybody in the world.
Brookings is probably the best place to live.
There were five of my favorite movies.

Chances are you'll get a job if you go to college.
Broccoli and cauliflower are related to cauliflower.
Wild geese that fly south in winter are from Canada.
There were five of my favorite movies.

There is a lot of money in the world.
I don't know what you mean by that.
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A noun phrase gives extra information about a noun.

Example: All the words that make up a noun phrase are connected with the noun itself.

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Noun Phrase: extra information
connected with the noun itself

Example: John, who was a computer nerd, stayed up all night playing games.

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Task 2: Identify the nouns and the noun phrases from the following sentences.

Key: Circle nouns; underline noun phrases.

The computer, which had crashed earlier on today, was still up and running.

David Jackson, who was named in Queen Elizabeth's honor, recently had lunch at London's best.

The team, which worked and practiced before midnight, tried to do a great job with their best.

The long and winding road led through to the mountains.

Young Michael Jackson, the first boy to walk on stage, tried to do a great job.

Walking on stage was the hardest part of Michael Jackson's first experience.

The road, following the edge of the mountains, led to the magnificent view of the lake.

Task 3: Now write a noun phrase of your own into the following noun phrase.