

# 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.

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

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

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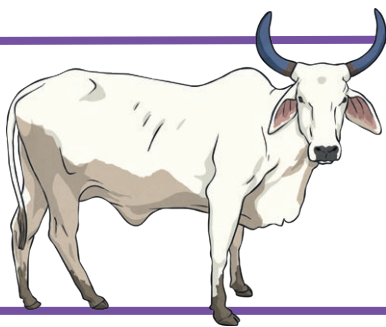


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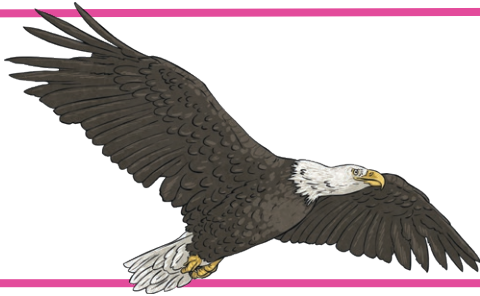
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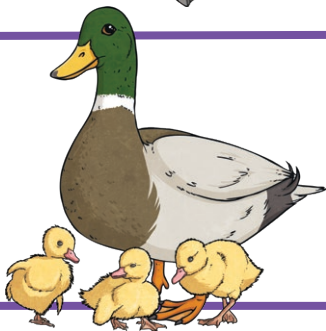


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# Simple Noun Phrases - Answers

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

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2. "**My leg** hurts!" shouted **the boy**.
3. That's **his bike** over there.
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7. **Whose coat** is this?
8. **Their house** is in Manchester.
9. **The car** splashed through **the puddle**.

# 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**.