

## Noun Phrases

### Class objective:

I will be able to understand more about noun phrases in Chinese.

### Concept A: What is a noun phrase

Noun phrase is known as 名词性短语 (míngcí-xìng duǎnyǔ) in Chinese.

A **noun phrase** is a phrase with a noun or pronoun as a head word that has any sort of modifier.

- A noun phrase consists of a main noun, and any words or phrases that describe or modify the main noun.
- In Chinese, all noun modifiers occur before the main noun.  
Modifier + Noun

Grammar Point (English)	Pattern	Examples
Expressing "some" with "yixie"	一些 + Noun	这里有 一些 咖啡。

### Concept B: Examples or noun phrases

Example

liǎng zhī bái sè de xiǎo gǒu 。  
两 只 白 色 的 小 狗 。

Modifier Main Noun

two measure word white small Dog

### Concept C: Nouns can be modified by - Specifiers / Number + Measure Word

- Nouns
- Pronouns
- Adjective Phrases
- Verb Phrases (verb + object)
- Verb Phrases (subject + object)
- Preposition Phrases

Modifier = Specifiers / Number + Measure Word

Example:

1. Those three books

nà sān běn shū 。  
那 三 本 书 。

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