FOCUS GRAMMAR BY ASHRAF VVN LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES UNIT 1GLIMPSES OF GREEN

1. KINDS OF SENTENCES

We can classify sentences into four kinds. They are the following.

1. ASSERTIVE SENTENCES (DECLARATIVE/STATEMENT)

A sentence that states or declares something is called assertive sentence.

- 1. I play football in the ground.
- 2. The sun rises in the east.
- 3. She is a smart nurse.
- 4. Pongal is a famous harvest festival in India.

2. INTERROGATIVE SENTENCE

A sentence that asks a question is called interrogative sentence.

- 1. Where is your house?
- 2. Do you play cricket daily?
- 3. Have your done your homework?
- 4. Is he an intelligent boy in the class?

3. IMPERATIVE SENTENCE

A sentence that expresses or gives appeal, order, command, request, or desire is called imperative sentence

1. Call the police.

- 2. Please give me a cup of water.
- 3. Come here urgently.
- 4. Please collect your ticket.

4. EXCLAMATORY SENTENCE

A sentence that expresses strong and sudden feelings and emotions such as joy, grief, warning, exclamation, fear, surprise and concern is called exclamatory sentence.

- 1. Hurrah! We have won the match.
- 2. Alas! The leader is no more.
- 3. What a sweet voice!
- 4. What a naughty boy he is!
- 5. What a spectacular sight!

Identify whether the following sentences are assertive, interrogative, exclamatory or imperative sentences

- This pen is expensive.
- Please give me this book.
- Where do you live?
- How melodious this song is!
- Show me your pen
- How many brothers do you have?
- Brush your teeth daily
- How beautiful your villa is!
- She is not working hard.
- There are a lot of useful books in the shelf.
- What a surprising gift it is!

- How nice of you!
- What a fine catch it is!

2. POSITIVE & NEGATIVE SENTENCES

- > Sentences which state positive facts are called affirmative or positive sentences.
- > Sentences that express negative ideas are called negative sentences.

Positive sentences It is a book.

I am happy now

We are players

My brother is a doctor.

She was a leader

They were mechanics

Negative sentences It is <u>not</u> a book.

I am <u>not</u> happy now.

We are <u>not</u> players

My brother is <u>not</u> a doctor

She was <u>not</u> a leader

They were <u>not</u> mechanics.

Categorise the sentences into affirmative and negative sentences

I had built a small plat form on the tree.

I was not afraid.

The crow is sitting on the branch.

We have not received the gift.

I was no mere image cut in granite

I don't get any sleep at all

I was not aware of the presence of the boy.

The house was not electrified.

The following words are negative in meaning.

Hardly, rarely, scarcely, seldom, few, little, never

I seldom do exercise regularly.

Few boys attended the class yesterday.

We do <u>scarcely</u> our work in the evening.

The birds <u>hardly</u> sleep in the morning.

We speak <u>little</u> in the class.

<u>Little</u> knowledge is dangerous.

I <u>never</u> leave the home at night.

There is <u>little</u> water left in the bucket.

We took few of them to our team.

They <u>hardly</u> reached there in time.

We <u>rarely</u> visit our grandmother's home.

3. NOUN PHRASE, VERB PHRASE AND PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

Noun phrase is generally defined as a word or a group of words in a sentence which together casts a noun. A noun phrase can be a one word. A pronoun is also a noun phrase.

A noun phrase can be a subject, object, complement, adverbial, object of a preposition.

In a phrase, the noun can be modified by a quantifier (all, some) determiners, adjective another noun etc.

Verb phrase. It is generally defined as a phrase composed of a at least one main verb, objects, complements, adverb phrase, prepositional phrase. It may be a singular main verb or it may have auxiliary verbs also.

Prepositional phrase. A prepositional phrase is the combination of a preposition and a noun phrase.

Identify noun phrase, verb phrase and prepositional phrase

- 1. All the students came to the class late.
- 2. Our dear headmaster came to our class in the morning.
- 3. All the birds were flying in the sky.
- 4. Some workers were working hard in the field.
- 5. The students left the class early.
- 6. We noticed everything in a hurry.
- 7. A beautiful lady joined in our course last year.
- 8. We meet usually at the bus stop.

- 9. A few bright students sat in the class till the end.
- 10. The old man lost his purse in the market.
- 11. They looked through the broken window.

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