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English class 28  
**LANGUAGE ELEMENTS II**  
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### **Noun phrases and verb phrases**

- Every English sentence has two parts - **Subject part** and **Predicate part**.
- The most important part of the subject is a **noun**.
- The most important part of the predicate is the **verb**.
- Always the subject part will be a **Noun phrase** and predicate part will be a **Verb phrase**.

**Identify the Noun Phrases and Verb Phrases in the following sentences.**

1. A few local people took our permission to go with us.  
A few local people(**Noun phrase**) + took our permission to go with us(**Verb phrase**)
2. The cage on the lorry was covered.
3. I decided to play it safe.
4. Mr. Thorat reached the shooting location with the tiger.

### **Analysis of the noun phrase**

**A noun phrase has the following parts:**

- ➔ Predeterminer
- ➔ Determiner
- ➔ Adjective
- ➔ Head Word(Noun)
- ➔ Prepositional Phrase
- ➔ Relative Clause

**Predeterminers** - All, half, most, half of, most of etc.

**Determiners** are three:

1. Articles – a, an, the
2. Possessives – my, our, your, his, her, their, its etc.
3. Demonstratives – this, that, these, those

**Adjective** – The word describes a noun

**Head word** – The important part of the noun phrase

**Prepositional phrase** – A phrase starts with a preposition

**Relative clause** – A clause which starts with a relative pronoun

\* Predeterminer, Determiner, Adjective - come before the head word.

\*Prepositional Phrase, Relative Clause - come after the head word.

### **Phrase**

A group of words expressing a particular idea or meaning.

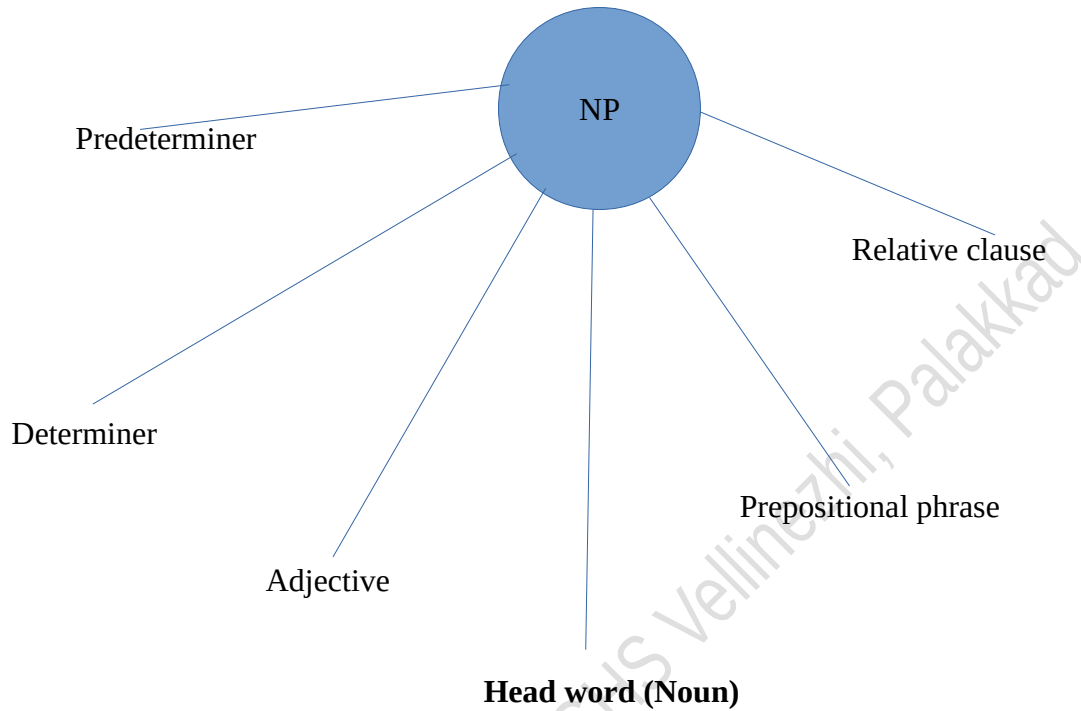
### **Clause**

A unit consisting of a subject and verb.

## Relative pronouns

Which, that, where, who, when etc.

## Parts of a noun phrase



**Predeterminer + Determiner + Adjective + Head Word(Noun) + Prepositional Phrase + Relative Clause**

**Eg:**

1. The digital camera on the tripod which is very expensive closes in on Zahra.

The digital camera on the tripod which is very expensive – Noun phrase/subject  
closes in on Zahra – Verb phrase/predicate

### Parts of the noun phrase

The – Determiner

digital – Adjective

camera – **Head word**

on the tripod – Prepositional phrase

which is very expensive – relative clause

2. All my friends in the village who presented the gifts are very rich.

All my friends in the village who presented the gifts - Noun phrase  
are very rich - Verb phrase

### Parts of the noun phrase

All – Predeterminer

my – Determiner

friends - **Head word**

in the village - Prepositional phrase  
who presented the gifts - relative clause

**Assignment**

Split the following sentences into **Noun phrases** and **Verb phrases** and also find out the **parts of the Noun phrases**.

1. A rented room in town where I lived was not electrified.
2. Some of the hard working students at school who score good marks will pass in the exam.

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