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# APC English

# Noun Phrases I

## SVO

Sentences in English have a S-V-O structure

subject	verb	object
John	played with	the ball
He	was sleeping in	the bed
A woman	is watching	TV

Subject - is doing something (the verb)

Object - (verb) is doing to this

## sentences

### SVO subject - verb - object

(Thai, Chinese & English)

The boy kicked the ball

The boy (**S**) kicked (**V**) the ball (**O**)

**nouns** - boy, ball      **verb** - kicked

## Sentence SVO

### Subject

The boy

The boy

The boy

The boy

The boy

The boy

article + noun

### Verb

kicked

hit

caught

punched

threw

ran with

### Object

the ball

the ball

the ball

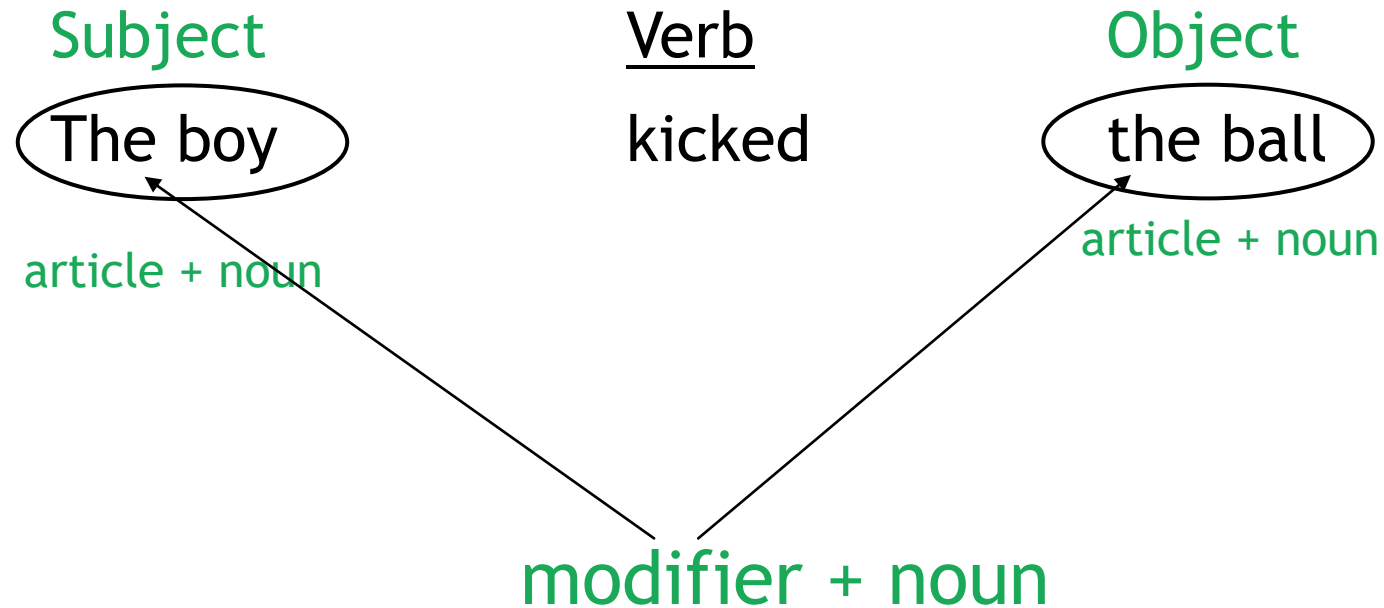
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article + noun

## Sentence SVO



modifier = modifies the noun  
modifies = changes or 'adds to'

## noun phrases

- A noun phrase consists of a noun and its modifiers.
- Modifiers include articles, adjectives, and other elements that provide more information about the noun.
  - **The happy cat**
  - **Two delicious slices of pizza**

## verb phrases

- A verb phrase includes the main verb and its auxiliary (helping) verbs, if any. It represents the action or state of being in a sentence.
  - **Is studying** for the exam
  - **Will have completed** the project

verb phrases later in the course



## prepositional phrases

- A prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and includes a noun (or pronoun) called the object of the preposition.
- It provides information about the relationship of the noun to the rest of the sentence.
  - **on the table**
  - **under the bridge**

prepositional phrases seen already

# Noun Phrases

what is a noun phrase?

A noun phrase is a group of words related to a noun

*The big red ball* rolled down the hill

noun phrases can include:

articles (*the*) - adjectives (*big, red*) - nouns (*ball*)

but do not include the verb

*The big red ball* ~~rolled~~ down the hill

## noun phrases

These are the **noun phrases**

- Article + noun (**the boy, the ball, a boy, a ball, an artist, an apple**)
- Adjective + noun (**small boy, new ball**)
- Article + adjective + noun (**the small boy, a new ball**)
- Article + adjective + adjective + noun
  - **the small Indian boy**
  - **a big, new ball**

# articles in noun phrases

articles

~~"I have car"~~

"I have a car."

## Articles - what we know

Refer to specific or general

A blue pen

could be any pen that is blue

The blue pen

is a specific pen

## articles - what we know

definite article

the

indefinite articles

a

an



## Articles - what we know

articles are:

- a type of determiner
- they modify nouns
- a, an, the

examples:

- the blue pen
- John is a good friend
- the big park was fun

# adjectives in noun phrases

adjectives:

- describe
- add more information to a word

examples:

- the blue pen
- John is my best friend
- The big park was fun

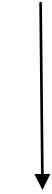
# What is an Adjective

The Adjective is one of the parts of speech that describes some extra information about the noun or a pronoun in a sentence.

Size	Texture	Shape	Fellings	Time
✓ Big	✓ Smooth	✓ Circle	✓ Angry	✓ Ancient
✓ Small	✓ Soft	✓ Square	✓ Happy	✓ Early
✓ Large	✓ Hard	✓ Flat	✓ Funny	✓ Fast
✓ Huge	✓ Woven	✓ Sphere	✓ Kind	✓ late
✓ Little	✓ Rough	✓ Round	✓ Silly	✓ quick
✓ Short	✓ Slippery	✓ Cone	✓ Sweet	✓ Rapid
✓ Tall	✓ Fuzzy	✓ Oval	✓ Gentle	✓ Slow
✓ Tiny	✓ Crunchy	✓ Wide	✓ Sad	✓ Swift

## Adjectives - order

The big old white house



big  
old

white



order

Determiner

Opinion

Size

Age

Shape

Color

Origin

Material

purpose

add a modifier (adjective) to complete these sentences

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ *naughty* \_\_\_\_\_ child was disruptive at the restaurant.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ horse galloped around the track.
3. I took the ball from the \_\_\_\_\_ child.
4. We walked to the \_\_\_\_\_ farm on the weekend.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ park was open until the afternoon.

# speaking / pronunciation practice

## words with initial stress

- big
- dog
- car
- cold
- coffee
- book
- table
- happy
- house
- noisy

## words with stressed endings

- above
- aside
- become
- between
- overbook
- overflow
- provide
- understand



start or end with stress?

- single
- ticket
- local
- platform
- standard
- return
- direct
- express

where is the stress?

- Monday
- Saturday
- February
- April
- plumber
- birthday
- September
- November
- eleven
- appointment
- receptionist
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# simple noun phrase exercises

find the  
noun phrase

underline the noun phrases

1. The teacher helps students with their homework.
2. A cat sleeps on the windowsill.
3. The children play in the playground.
4. A cook prepares delicious meals in the restaurant.
5. A car waits at the traffic light.
6. A girl dances in the park.
7. A dog greets visitors at the front door.

## noun phrases

A noun phrase often includes a modifier like an adjective.

*Structure:*

Article + Adjective + Noun

Example: The *happy* children played.

## noun phrases

1. The patient teacher helps students with their homework.
2. A fluffy cat sleeps on the windowsill.
3. The noisy children play in the playground.
4. An experienced cook prepares delicious meals in the restaurant.
5. A red car waits at the traffic light.
6. An energetic girl dances in the park.
7. A friendly dog greets visitors at the front door.

# listening exercise



# Our House by Madness

a fine time	a happy time	a small kiss	a very good time	his Sunday best
his Sunday best	our house	something happening	the kids	two dreamers

Father wears \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_are playing up downstairs  
Brother's got a date to keep

Mother's tired she needs a rest  
Sister's sighing in her sleep  
He can't hang around

*Chorus,*  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of our street  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of our

\_\_\_\_\_ it has a crowd  
And it's usually quite loud  
Nothing ever slows her down

*Chorus*

\_\_\_\_\_, in the middle of our street  
(That you've got to get away from it)

Father gets up late for work  
Then she sends the kids to school  
She's the one they're going to miss

*Chorus*

There's always \_\_\_\_\_  
Our mum she's so house-proud  
And a mess is not allowed

(Something tells you)  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the middle of our

Mother has to iron his shirt  
Sees them off with \_\_\_\_\_  
In lots of ways

I remember way back then when  
We would have such \_\_\_\_\_  
Such \_\_\_\_\_  
Simply waste the day away  
Nothing would come between us

Father wears \_\_\_\_\_  
The kids are playing up downstairs  
Brother's got a date to keep

Our house, in the middle of our street x3  
Our house, was our castle and our keep  
Our house, that was where we used to sleep

Everything was true and when  
Such \_\_\_\_\_  
And I remember how we'd play  
Then we'd say  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's tired she needs a rest  
Sister's sighing in her sleep  
He can't hang around

Our house, in the middle of our  
Our house, in the middle of our street  
Our house, in the middle of our street x 2

order the  
noun phrase

change the noun phrases to the correct order

1. mountains the snowy are busy this time of the year
2. I hope you had happy a Christmas.
3. Don't touch boiling the pot.
4. table table the tennis is now available.
5. Can you afford tickets the train expensive?
6. I used to go to work on old an bicycle.
7. We enjoyed decorating tree Christmas the beautiful

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reading & speaking  
exercises:  
shopping

**1 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 Where does the man live?
  - a in a city
  - b in a village
  - c in a small town
- 2 What happened there last year?
  - a The supermarket closed.
  - b A big supermarket opened.
  - c The weekly market stopped.

**2 Which of these shops has the town got? Tick ✓ them.**

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| a clothes shop  | a chemist's     |
| a butcher's ✓   | a shoe shop     |
| a baker's       | a hardware shop |
| a greengrocer's | a newsagent's   |
| a bookshop      | a flower shop   |

**Answer the questions.**

- 1 Which shop closed six months ago? \_\_\_\_
- 2 When is the market? \_\_\_\_
- 3 What does the man buy there? \_\_\_\_
- 4 Where is the new supermarket? \_\_\_\_
- 5 Does the man do his shopping there? \_
- 6 Which shop is going to close? \_\_\_\_

I live in a small town. There are a lot of different shops in the town centre. There's a hardware shop, a chemist's, a newsagent's, a butcher's and a baker's. There was a greengrocer's, too, but it closed six months ago. And we've got a flower shop and a small bookshop. The bookshop sells stationery and birthday cards, too.

We've got a small supermarket in the town centre, but there aren't any clothes shops or shoe shops. We have to go into the city centre for those things.

Every Saturday there's a market in the Square. We always buy our fruit and vegetables there.

Last year a big new supermarket opened near the town, and most people do their shopping there now. We always use the local shops and the market. They're more personal and friendlier, but they aren't as cheap as the supermarket. The supermarket is more convenient, too. Parking is easier and you can buy everything in one place.

It's more difficult for the local shops now. The butcher says he's lost a lot of customers, and the small local supermarket is going to close next month. It's a pity, because a lot of people don't come into the town centre now.



**Ask other students these questions and write their answers**

Questions
1. Do you like shopping? Why?
2. When do you go shopping?
3. With whom do you go shopping?
4. Where do you go shopping?
5. What do you like to buy?
6 Why do you like to buy ..... (Q5)?

Thank you!  
any questions?