

Noun Phrases

#### **Nouns**

A noun names a person, place, idea, thing or feeling.

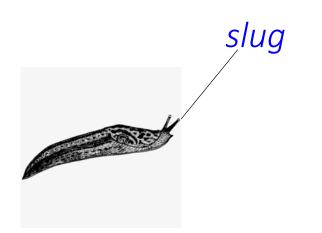
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a slug
the beetles
an ant
a job
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In front of a noun, we often have

a an the determiners

## **Adjectives**

An adjective is a describing word. It tells you more about a noun.



a black slug the creepy beetles a tiny ant a difficult job

The job is difficult.

Adjectives sometimes come next to 'their' nouns...

but sometimes they do not.

#### **Noun Phrases**

A **noun phrase** adds extra detail to the **noun**.

noun phrase

a black slug
the creepy beetles
a tiny ant
a difficult job
a completely black slug
the very creepy beetles

Adverbs can also be part of a noun phrase.



It can be made by adding an adjective or two.

The **noun phrase** includes the **noun**, adjectives and **determiner**.

# Spotting a Noun Phrase A noun phrase can be replaced by a pronoun.

A black slug chewed the leaves.
The creepy beetles scuttled by.
A tiny ant twitched its antennae.
The poem is about a difficult job.

We can use this fact to help us spot noun phrases.

It chewed the leaves.

They scuttled by.

He twitched its antennae.

The poem is about it.

**ANSWERS** 

### **Noun Phrases**

Remember: a **noun phrase** can be
replaced by a **pronoun**.

A huge, hairy spider is on your shoulder.

The rather nervous grey mouse nibbled slowly.

I spotted a long pink tail under the sofa!

Our picnic was spoilt by relentlessly vicious wasps.

them it

Can you spot the noun phrase in each sentence? Can you spot the <u>head noun</u> in each sentence?