



Noun Phrases

Nouns

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

a slug

the beetles

an ant

a job

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**.



slug

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**.

It chewed the leaves.
They scuttled by.
He twitched its antennae.
The poem is about **it**.



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

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

he

she

Can you spot the noun phrase in each sentence?

Can you spot the head noun in each sentence?