

# Fusahira's and Karasu's Top Tips: Phrases and Clauses

## noun phrases

A noun phrase is a small group of words which contains a noun but doesn't contain a verb. A noun phrase usually contains a noun and some other words that are used to describe the noun.

A noun phrase might include determiners, nouns, adjectives and prepositions.

She looked at **the large, open space behind the school**.

I have packed **a board game and my new lunchbox**.



## prepositional phrases

A prepositional phrase is a phrase that usually contains a preposition and the object that the preposition is referring to but do not contain a verb. Prepositions show where things are in time or space.

When my hamsters escaped, I found them in the **small space between the two cupboards**.

**Across the street**, a friendly dog was being taken for a walk.



## relative clauses

Relative clauses can be used to give extra information about a noun. They contain a subject and a verb. Most relative clauses begin with a relative pronoun.

The ghost, **who was fed up with the daily routine of haunting and scaring**, decided to put its powers of invisibility to better use.

Finally, the pirates found the spot **that the treasure was rumoured to be buried in**.

## subordinate clauses

Subordinate clauses can be used to give extra information about the main clause in a sentence. Subordinate clauses contain a verb and usually begin with a subordinating conjunction.

**After discovering that they had the power of flight**, the Flightless Falcon decided that it was time for a change of name.

I would like to become a ski instructor when I am older **because I have always wanted to work on a mountain**.

