

Adjective Phrase:

- *Compare:*

1. He is a *wealthy* man

2. He is a man *of wealth*

Def:

An Adjective Phrase is a phrase (or group of words) that does the work of an Adjective.

- *Further Examples:*

- That was a cowardly act. (Adjective)
- That was an act of cowardice. ... (Adj. Phrase)

- Brutus is an honourable man. (Adjective)
- Brutus is a man of honour.(Adj. Phrase)

- He is well.(Adjective)
- He is in good health. (Adjective Phrase)

PHRASE

Definition :

- Phrase is a group of words that makes sense, but only partly.
- It is a *part of sentence*, but does not have finite verb

Eg: blue dress; wealthy merchant

Adjective Phrase

- A group of words that does the function of an adjective in a sentence is called an adjective phrase.
- The dazzling beautiful girl walked down the street.
 - *It is more than a group of words with an adjective in it.*
 - *It is actually a group of words that describe a noun/pronoun in a sentence thus function as an adjective.*

- Sometimes *one adjective* isn't descriptive enough.
- In such case *string of adjective* can work together as an adjective phrase to describe a noun as:
 - i. She ate a tasty, healthy, and nutritious sandwich.
 - ii. The day was hot and sunny.
 - iii. She had the most silky, smooth, and radiant hair I have ever seen.

- i. Mary is a sweet girl.(one adj)
- ii. Mary is a sweet, intelligent and beautiful girl.
- He asked fairly an intelligent question.

So we see an adjectival phrase that paints a much more in-depth picture of Mary

- i. The beautiful house sits atop the hill.
- ii. The house that is so beautiful sits atop the hill.
- iii. The angry dog barks all day long.
- iv. The dog that seems very angry barks all day long.

- Some adjective phrases modify noun or noun phrases.
 1. **Something** in the corner was moving
 2. The **big bug** under the blanket is coming towards me.

- Other adjective phrases modify the predicate of the sentence:
 - i. We were saddened by the news of his demise
 - ii. I was delighted he was chosen for the party
 - iii. The brownies smell deliciously sweet.

- Adjective phrase can also **Modify Objects** and will follow the word they are modifying:
 - i. She wanted to paint her **room** lemony yellow
 - ii. My new kitten makes **me** very happy.
 - iii. We are collecting money for **children** born with heart defects.
 - iv. They are proud of the **team** that made it to the final

- Some adjective phrase comes at the **Beginning** of the sentences:
 - i. Your overly excited friend is dancing.
 - ii. Betrayed by his girl friend Charles committed suicide.
- Some comes at the **Middle** of the sentences
 - i. A guy smarter than me will solve this puzzle.
 - ii. The girl wearing the red t-shirt lives next to my house.

- Some Adj phrases comes at the **End** of the sentences:
 - i. His **behaviour** was highly rude.
 - ii. The **last question** was very difficult to solve.
- Sometimes an adjective phrase does not have an adjective in it. It starts with following
 - i. **A Preposition.**
 - ii. **A Participles.**
 - iii. **An Infinitives**

1. Starts with Preposition:

- i. I don't like the **movies** with no stories
- ii. I have a **picture** of your childhood.

2. Starts with Participles

What is participle?

Def: A participle is a word that is formed from verb which works as an adjective :

Ex: Burning house
Broken window

- i. The **guy** sleeping on the floor is my friend.
- ii. The **shop** built next to my house is quite huge.

3. Begins with **Infinitive**

- i. I don't know a **person** to trust blindly.
- ii. He is a **guy** to look out for in the next match

➤ **Note:**

*When an **adjective phrase** does not have an adjective in it , we generally call it an **Adjectival Phrase***

Exercise

1. The **man** standing next to Rita is my uncle.
2. **She** is extremely beautiful and very focused.
3. The **story** of his life is very shocking.
4. A **show** was too bad to watch.
5. A small wounded **dog** was crying on the road.
6. The movie was surprisingly good.
7. She is highly passionate girl.
8. A trip with my friend is my dream.
9. A stitch in time saves nine.
10. Do you know the story of the noble Padmani?

- **Replace** each of the following Adjective Phrases in italic by an Adjective of the same meaning:

1. He wore the turban *made of silk*.
2. He has done a deed *of shame*.
3. He led a life *devoid of blame*.
4. He is a man *without a friend*.
5. I met a little girl *from a cottage*.
6. Nelson was a boy *without fear*.
7. Nobody likes the person *with a bad temper*.
8. They came to a path *covered with mud*.
9. It is *of no use*.
10. I admit that he is a man *of sense*.

- *Fill in the blank* with suitable Adjective Phrases:

1. Birds.....flock together.
2. The old sage spoke words.....
3. The water..... is very deep.
4. Listen to the song.....
5. Children like the books
6. She is a woman.....
7. The pathlead by to the grave.
8. The elephant.....is considered sacred by some people.