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Good morning students

Today we will be doing the topic Phrases and Clauses as a part of your English Language assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 9th Aug 2021. All the students are requested to open page number-1. Ch- 18 of your English Language book titled 'Collins English Grammar and Composition'. Students, keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the topic.

Students now pay attention and look at the following sentences carefully.

- The boy in red T-shirt is my brother
- The girl who is wearing a pink frock is my sister.

In the first sentence, 'in red T-shirt' is a group of words and it is the part of a sentence. But it cannot make a complete sense. So it is a phrase. In second sentence 'who is wearing a pink frock' is making some sense but not complete. So it is a clause.

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Students, in this chapter you will be learning about phrases and clauses. In your previous classes you have done that a phrase is a group of words that does not contain a finite verb. It is a part of a sentence. It makes some sense but it does not make a complete sense. On the other hand a clause is also a group of words. Though it is not a complete sentence but it has a finite verb. It may also have a subject and predicate. So a clause can be a part of a sentence or a sentence by itself.

★ A group of words that makes sense but not complete sense is called a phrase.

● Examples

- The traveller sat down under a tree.
- To play chess is not easy.
- Children like flying kites.

In the above sentences, the underlined group of words or expressions are all phrases.

They are part of a sentence but they don't make complete sense and they don't have finite verbs.

★ Kinds of Phrases

A phrase can act as an adject, an adverb or a noun. There are three kinds of phrases -

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★ Noun Phrases

A phrase that acts as a noun in a sentence is called a noun phrase. A noun phrase acts as the subject or the object of a verb.

● Examples

- I love reading comics.
- We like to listen to good music.
- Painting landscapes is his hobby.
- Following traffic rules is important.
- Mother told us to go to the bed early.

In sentence one, the phrase 'reading comics' answers the question: love what? So the phrase reading comics is the object of the verb love. Since only a noun can be the object of a verb, this phrase acts as a noun. Hence it is a noun phrase.

In sentence three 'painting landscapes' is the subject of the verb is. Since this phrase also acts as a noun. So it is a noun phrase.

★ Adjective Phrases

A phrase that acts as an adjective in a sentence is called an adjective phrase. An adjective modifies a noun or pronoun. Similarly, an adjective phrase modifies a noun or pronoun.

● Examples

- She is a lady with a ready smile.

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- Students now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the topic. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you kindly pause the audio for three minutes to write your answers.

Q1. Underline the noun phrases in the following sentences.

- i. She loves reading biographies.
- ii. Playing chess is good for mental health.
- iii. We enjoy dancing in the rain.
- iv. Drawing picture is her hobby.

Q2. Rewrite the following sentences replacing the adjectives with adjective phrases.

- i. He has purchased a steel almirah.
- ii. She was given a responsible job.
- iii. I have written a humorous story.

- Students, now break is over we will continue with the topic with more examples of Noun Phrases with C

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• Examples

- 1- I bought a gold ring. (Adjective)
 - I bought a ring made of gold. (Adjective phrase)
 2. Everybody respects an honourable man. (Adjective)
 - Everybody respects a man of honour. (Adjective phrase)
- In first sentence the word 'gold' describes the noun ring, so it is adjective and in the second sentence the word honourable describes the noun man. In both the sentences the words gold and honourable have been replaced by the phrases 'made of gold' and 'man of honour', these phrases also describe the nouns ring and man. So these are the adjective phrases in the above sentences.

★ Adverb Phrases

A phrase that acts as an adverb in a sentence is called an adverb phrase. An adverb qualifies a verb, an adjective or another adverb in a sentence. Similarly, an adverb phrase also qualifies a verb, an adjective or an adverb.

• Examples

- 1- He acted foolishly. (Adverb, showing manner)
- 2- He acted in a foolish manner. (Adverb phrase)

In the above sentence the word foolishly is an adverb describing the verb acted. It describes, how he acted. So it is an adverb of manner. In second

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in the sentence the word foolishly has been replaced by the phrase 'in a foolish manner', but it describes exactly the same. So 'in a foolish manner' is an adverb phrase. Some more examples of adverb phrases are given below.

- She practices singing in the morning. (adverb phrase of time)
- Ankit ran with great speed. (adverb phrase of manner)
- They live in an igloo. (adverb phrase of place)

* Students in this lesson you have learnt about phrases and types of phrases. We will continue with the topic in our next lesson. Now you are required to revise phrases and attempt exercises - A to J page number 112, 117 as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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