

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

## SENTENCE ELEMENTS

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- Greenbaum and Quirk, 1990: pp. 11-23; 205-214
  - Blaganje and Konte, 1998: pp. 12-27
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# The phrase

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- a grammatical unit between the word and the clause
- **simple** phrase: has only a headword, no modifiers
- **complex** phrase: PreM (levi prilastek), H (jedro), PostM (desni prilastek). Prilastki dodajo informacije jedru.
- head / headword (H), (jedro)

# Types of phrases in English

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## □ Verb phrase (VP)

*Has |arrived. (H:verb, PreM:aux.verb)*

## □ Noun phrase (NP)

*Every |student |of English. (H:noun,  
PreM, PostM)*

## □ Adjective phrase (AdjP)

*Rather |sharp. (H: adjective, PreM)*

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# Types of phrases in English

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□ Adverb phrase (AdvP)

*Very | quickly. (H:adverb, PreM)*

□ Prepositional phrase (PP)

*High | above the mountain. (H: entire prepositional phrase, PreM)*

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# Sentence elements - [*stavční členi*]

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- She smiled.
  - We forgot the key.
  - She sent us a postcard.
  
  - He left
  - He left his children.
  - He left his children a large sum of money.
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# Sentence elements - [*stavčni členi*]

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- Subject Complement (SC) – add information about the S [*povedkovo določilo*]
  - Typically realised by a **NP** or **AdjP**
  - Position: follows the **verb**
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# Sentence elements - [*stavční členi*]

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- **Linking verb** is the verb that SC follows, it is a verb that equals components: be, seem, appear, look

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*Mary is a doctor. (Mary = doctor)*

*Mary is young. (Mary = young)*

- **S-V-SC**
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# Sentence elements - [*stavčni členi*]

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- Object Complement (OC) – add information about the O [*predmetno določilo*]
- Typically realised by a **NP** or **AdjP**
- Position: follows the **DO**
- Relates to the DO the same way that SC relates to the S

*They | named | John | player of the year. (DO = John = player ... )*

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# Sentence elements - [*stavční členi*]

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- Adverbial / Adjunct (A) - [*prislovno določilo*]
    - of time (temporal)
    - of space
    - of manner
    - of condition
    - of reason
    - of purpose
    - of agent / doer
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# Sentence elements - [*stavčni členi*]

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- Adverbial / Adjunct (A) - [*prislovno določilo*]
  - Typically realised by a **AdvP**, **PP**, or a **clause**, sometimes a **NP**
  - Position: initial, final, sometimes medial
  - Generally **optional**, not obligatory; exceptions
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# Sentence analysis

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The sun is shining.

NP                      VP  
The sun | is shining.

NP                      VP  
The sun | is shining.  
S                      P

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# Sentence analysis

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The lecture bored me.

NP                      VP              NP  
The lecture| bored |me.

NP                      VP              NP  
The lecture| bored |me.  
S                      P              DO

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# Sentence analysis

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Your dinner seems ready.

NP	VP	AdjP
Your dinner	seems	ready.

NP	VP	AdjP
Your dinner	seems	ready.
S	P	SC

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# Sentence analysis

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Most students have found her helpful.

NP		VP		NP	AdjP
Most students		have found		her	helpful.

NP		VP		NP	AdjP
Most students		have found		her	helpful.

S		P		DO	OC
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# Sentence analysis

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You can put the dish on the table.

NP	VP	NP	PP
You	can put	the dish	on the table.

NP	VP	NP	PP
You	can put	the dish	on the table.
S	P	DO	A of space

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