

UNIT 14

Phrases

A **phrase** is a group of words which forms part of a sentence.

Phrases are usually quite short.

They **do not** make sense on their own.

I **staggered about** in a **slimy mud puddle**.

This is a **verb phrase**.
It is based on the verb **staggered**.

This is a **noun phrase**.
It is based on the noun **puddle**.

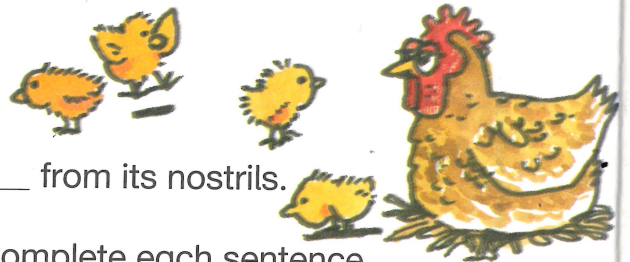


Practice

1. Choose the most suitable noun phrase to complete each sentence.

the pirate ship	green smoke	an exciting cover
small, fluffy chicks	the best swimmer	

- The hen had several _____.
- _____ sank in the storm.
- The history book had _____.
- Patrick is _____ in our class.
- The fearful dragon breathed _____ from its nostrils.



2. Choose the most suitable verb phrase to complete each sentence.

couldn't find	was still wrapping	came rushing
would have loved	can be made	

- Several small children _____ towards us.
- Father Christmas _____ the presents on Christmas Eve.
- Statues _____ from wood or stone.
- Tom _____ his puppy in the woods.
- Uncle John _____ to go up in a hot air balloon.

Making sure

1. Copy the sentences. Complete each one with a suitable noun phrase.

- The old car chugged slowly up _____.
- _____ charged bravely into battle.
- In my bag I found _____.
- The best thing ever invented is _____.
- _____ threw jelly all over the place.



2. Copy the sentences. Complete each one with a suitable verb phrase.

- Gina _____ at ten o'clock on Thursday.
- The beautiful picture _____ in lovely colours.
- I don't think John _____ after all.
- If you make a cake you _____ eggs and flour.
- The angry man _____ out of the front door.

Practise your punctuation

1. Punctuate these sentences correctly.

- a being from the planet astra landed in a spaceship
- in december the people of scotland were terrified by a dragon
- come quickly Ive found a box jim shouted excitedly
- the man called out in a loud voice stop dont move
- mrs birch baked a cake but billys dog ate it
- a strong wind blew through the trees

2. Now rewrite the sentences. Make them more interesting by using noun phrases in place of some of the nouns. The first one has been done for you.

- A weird, four-eyed, smoke-breathing being from the Planet Astra landed in a huge, silver spaceship.

