



पुर्णिमा International School
Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul, Zundal

CLASS - VIII

SUBJECT – ENGLISH

Grammar Gear

AND

Writing skills

**** Make a separate notebook for Grammar and Writing skills.**

Ch- 1 PHRASES AND ITS TYPES

A phrase is any group of words, often carrying a special idiomatic meaning. It work together to make meaning, but it is not a complete sentence. In other words, it does not have both a subject and a verb.

There are 5 types of phrases:



1. **Noun Phrase** - A noun phrase includes a noun—a person, place, or thing—and the modifiers which distinguish it. Think of it as a phrase that plays the role of a noun.

Examples –

1. My new pair of jeans is very comfortable.

Here, My new pair of jeans is a noun phrase, with the head noun jeans functioning as the *subject noun*.

Grammar Text book Exercise- (to be done in book only, not in notebook)

A. Underline the noun phrases in the sentences –

1. The big bright full moon adorned the sky.
2. The big black dog is very friendly.
3. My piano lessons are progressing well.
4. The paperback edition of this book is not available anywhere.
5. Chemical pesticides and fertilizers are poisoning waterbodies too.
6. Beth dreamt she was all alone on a lonely planet.

2. Adjective Phrase - An adjective phrase is a group of words that functions as an **adjective** and modifies a noun, a noun phrase or a pronoun in a sentence. It can be modify with other words like -

Determiners (eg- Sheena bought **few fresh oranges** ... where **few** is **determiner** , **fresh** is **adjective** and **oranges** are **noun**)

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B. Underline the adjective phrases in this description–

It was a cold and bleak wintry evening. The gentle murmuring breeze tapped the window blinds.

Outside , the wind lifted the yellow fallen leaves and dropped them at another lonely place. Soon, white feathery flakes covered the earth, preparing us for a chilly white morning.

3. Verb Phrase - A verb phrases includes the main verb and one or more helping verbs.

Examples: Samay was born in Mumbai. where *was is helping verb* and *born is main verb* .

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c. Underline the verb phrases in these sentences –

1. The lunar mission Chandrayaan -1 was launched by India.
2. Widespread water has been detected on the surface of moon.
3. This could make a manned base on the moon possible.
4. It will not be surprising if people start travelling to the moon.
5. International space missions have found evidence of ice on Mars.
6. None of us expected such discoveries ten years ago.

4. Adverb Phrase - An adverb phrase is a group of words that acts as an adverb and modifies the verb in a sentence.

It gives information about manner (**how**), place (**where**), time (**when**) ,frequency (how often) and degree of the verb.

Examples – The team danced very nicely for the first time. (manner)

Here, *danced* – *main verb*, *very* – *adverb* and *nicely*- *head adverb or main adverb*

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D. Underline the adverb phrase in these sentences –

1. The train moved quite slowly as it neared the station.
2. He spoke surprisingly well though it was his debut.
3. We dine out only occasionally.
4. The firefighters got into action without any delay.
5. You should have submitted the report much earlier.
6. My grandmother looked after me with loving care.

5. **Prepositional phrase-** A prepositional phrase will begin with the preposition, follow the noun phrase, adjective and adjective phrase.

Grammar Book Exercise (to be done in book only, not in notebook)

Fill in the blanks with the suitable prepositions . Then underline the prepositional phrases formed.

1. The tall tree swayed from side to side during the storm.
2. They have ordered for some furniture online.
3. They sat by the river with their fishing rods dipped in.
4. Please bear with a temporary disruption in your network.
5. If you take pride in your work , you will always give your best.
6. Sheeba is slow in the game and may not move to the next level

WRITING SKILL (in notebook)

MESSAGE WRITING

A message is a short piece of information that is written for someone to whom you are unable to speak for some reason.

Sometimes, a message is passed on through a telephone. However, if the person for whom the message is meant, is not available, then someone else receives the message and conveys it to the concerned person by writing it.

Points –

1. The conversation should be incorporated in the message accurately and clearly.

2. A message can also be written based on some written inputs, instead of a telephonic conversation. For e.g. an announcement or written notes.
3. It should be enclosed in the box.
4. It should be written in the proper format.
5. Word limit should be fifty words.

Q 1. You are Anita/Anish. You stay in a hostel and share a room with Mita/ Manish, your classmate. You have been detected with Typhoid fever. For this reason you have to be admitted in a hospital immediately. Draft a message telling your roommate why and where you are going and that you will be back in 7 days. Also request him/her to submit your English notebook for checking.

MESSAGE

5 May , 2020

3:00 pm

Mita

I am going to the hospital as I have been detected with Typhoid fever .I will be admitted in the hospital for 7 days. Please submit my English notebook for checking.

Anita

Q 2. You are Rajat, receive a phone call from your father's office in his absence and have the following conversation with the speaker. Write a message , for your father as you have to go for your tuitions. Put the message in a box.

Mr Gupta : Hello, is this 25258654?

You : Yes. May I know who's calling?

Mr Gupta : I am Suresh Gupta. Can I talk to Mr Mahajan?

You : I am afraid Daddy is not at home. Do you have any message for him?

Mr Gupta : Yes, Please tell him that the meeting fixed for tomorrow i.e. 15th June has been cancelled

You : Ok Anything else.

Mr Gupta : Please tell him that we shall let him know as and when the next date for the meeting, is fixed

You : Ok uncle, I shall tell Daddy when he comes back.

MESSAGE

14th June, 2020

7:00 pm

Daddy

Mr Gupta from your office had called on telephone stating that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow i.e. 15th June has been cancelled. He also informed that they would let you know as and when the next date is fixed for the meeting.

Rajat

NOTICE WRITING

Notices are a means of formal communication targetted at a particular person or a group of persons. It is like a news item informing such person or persons of some important event. This can be an invitation to a meeting, an announcement of any event, to issue certain instructions, make appeals etc.

It is generally written and then displayed at a public place, where it is accessible to all. They can be pasted on notice boards.

Format -

1. **Name of Issuing Organization/Authority:** Right at the very top, you print the name of the person or company that is issuing the said notices.
2. **Title:** When writing notices we mention a title "NOTICE" at the top.
3. **Date:** After the title to the left-hand side we print the date *Heading:* Then we move on to an appropriate heading to the notices. This heading should make abundantly clear the purpose of the notices.
4. **Body:** After the heading, we write the brief and to the point body of the notice. The main content of the notice features in the body.
5. **Writer's Name:** At the end of the notices we write the name and designation of the notice-writer.
6. A notice must be enclosed in a box.
7. Word limit should not exceed 50 words.
8. A notice should be written on a fresh page.

Q 1. You are Megha Gupta/ Mehul Gupta, the Head Girl/Head Boy of St Mary's School, Dehradun. Draft a notice, informing the students of classes VII and VIII about a workshop on 'table manners and etiquettes' to be held in the school premises. Give all the necessary details.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL DEHRADUN
NOTICE

15th July, 2020

Workshop on Table Manners

This is to inform all the students of classes VII and VIII about a workshop on '**Table Manners and Etiquettes**', that will be held in the school auditorium on 20th July, 2020 at 9:00 am. It is mandatory for all the students to attend the workshop. For any type of query please contact the undersigned.

(Sign)
Megha Gupta
(Head Girl)

Q 2. You are Vaishali Sharma/ Vaibhav Sharma, the Vice Head Girl/Vice Head Boy of Puna International School, Ahmedabad. Your school is organising an inter class Drawing and Painting Competition for classes V to VIII. Draft a notice, words inviting the students to participate. Give all necessary details.

PUNA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NOTICE

5th August, 2020

Drawing and Painting Competition

This is to inform all the students of classes V to VIII about the Drawing and Painting Competition to be held in the school.

Date : 10th August, 2020
Time : 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
Venue : Auditorium

Certificates will be awarded to all participants. Drawing sheets will be provided by the school. For further details contact the undersigned.

(Sign)
Vaibhav Sharma
(Vice-Head Boy)