

Grammar Terms

Adjective: a word that modifies a noun or pronoun,

-Answers: Which one? What kind? How much? How many?

Adjective phrase: a group of words (w/out a noun and verb that agree) functioning as an adjective

Adverb: a word that modifies a verb, adjective or adverb

-Answers How? Where? When? To what extent/why?

Adverb phrase: a group of words (w/out a noun and verb that agree) functioning as an adverb

Clause: A group of words with a subject and a verb that agree

-**Independent clause**: can stand alone as a sentence

-**Dependent clause**: cannot stand alone due to a subordinator

Compound Sentence Parts: Sentence parts made up of more than one part, joined by a conjunction

Conjunction: word(s) used to connect words, phrases and clauses

Declarative Sentence: A sentence expressing a statement. Ends with a period

Direct Object: Who or what receives the action verb's action

Imperative Sentence: A sentence expressing a command. When diagramming the subject, it will be (you) understood or implied.

Interjection: word(s) that express emotion or draw attention but not grammatically connected to other words in the sentence

Interrogative Sentence: A sentence expressing a question.

Noun: a word that represents a person, place, thing or idea

Noun phrase: a group of words (without a noun and verb that agree) functioning as a noun

Predicate: Represents the action or state of being in a sentence, saying something about the subject

-A **simple predicate** is the verb(s) / verb phrase only, without modifiers

Predicate Nouns & Predicate Adjectives: nouns or modifiers linked to the subject by a linking verb

Preposition: word(s) that expresses a relationship between words

-Always exists in a phrase, starting with the preposition and ending with its object

-A prepositional phrase can function as an adjective, adverb, or noun.

Pronoun: a word that takes the place of a noun

Subject: Represents who or what is doing the action or experiencing a state of being in a sentence

-A **simple subject** is the subject without any modifiers

Verb: word(s) expressing an action or a state of being

-**Action verbs** represent actions.

-**Linking verbs** connect the sentence's subject with an adjective or noun in the predicate.

Will be a form of the verb "to be" or can substituted for a form of the verb "to be"

-**Helping** verbs work with a main verb to create a verb phrase. *Do not separate them!*