

Nouns

Where are the nouns in this sentence?

When I have time, I love <u>eating sandwiches in the morning</u> with my best friend, <i>Susan, because she is good company.

Subject: the noun which does an action **Object:** a noun which receives an action

Types of noun

Type of noun	Characteristics	Example	
abstract/concrete	abstract noun: cannot sense it (touch/feel/smell)	time / fortune / health / wisdom / jealousy / love	
	concrete noun: you can sense	croissant / football / keyboard / hotplate / fire	
	both:	I have a football in my house.	
		We watch a lot of football in my house.	
countable/uncountable	Countable - there can	There were lots of ants in my garden	
	be plural quantities:	yesterday.	
		People can be so strange.	
		Women do most of the work.	
		Sheep are funny animals.	



	Uncountable - cannot be separated into one or multiple items Treated as a singular in sentences Often used with	People in the UK like to drink tea . Jealousy is a terrible emotion. I drink water every day.
	countable nouns:	I drink 5 bottles of water every day.
	Some nouns are both countable and uncountable in different contexts:	I don't have the time to play computer games.
		Do you remember the time when we went to the beach with grandma?
		I have lots of space in my bag, so you can put your camera here. Come and park here, there are lots of
		spaces.
pronouns	they replace nouns that have already been mentioned - to avoid repetition	I love my mum because she is funny.
gerund	noun form of a verb	I love drinking tea. I hate jogging . Jogging is boring. Jogging takes too much time.
compound noun	made up of more than one noun / word that go together to form one noun	Have you seen the tin opener ? I found a three-week-old baby on my doorstep.
		sunglasses / armchair / toothpaste



noun phrases	a section of a	Eating bacon sandwiches in the	
	sentence that	<u>morning</u> is not advisable for <u>people</u>	
	performs the role of a	with high cholesterol.	
	noun in a sentence -		
	often after a verb,		
	conjunction or		
	preposition	Did you hear <u>the ginger cat from</u>	
		number 9 that has only three legs	
		fighting with Spot last night?	
	Like any noun, can be		
	subject or object	As a result of <i>breaking her leg</i> , Joanne	
		missed the cup final.	

Subject pronoun	Object pronoun	Possessive adjective	Possessive pronoun
I	me	my	mine
He	him	his	his
She	her	her	hers
lt	it	its	-
We	us	our	ours
They	them	their	theirs
You	you	your	yours

Exercise

Where are the noun phrases in the following examples? (see below for answers)

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Answers

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