

Nouns

Where are the nouns in this sentence?

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

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