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## ENGLISH FUNDAMENTALS 1

Just ask a friend what is the role of prepositions within sentences, or what are the four moods of verbs, and I am sure that you will see a puzzled look on his face.

Understanding the basic grammar rules is essential for communicating efficiently, but most of us have forgotten those concepts years ago.

In order to solve this problem we decided to put together all the basic rules on a single page, so that you can use it as a reference, or print it out for future reference. Enjoy!

**Sentences**

Sentences are made of two parts: the **subject** and the **predicate**.

The subject is the person or thing that acts or is described in the sentence. The predicate, on the other hand, is that action or description.

Complete sentences need **both** the subject and the predicate.

**Clauses**

Sentences can be broken down into clauses.

For example: The boy is going to the school, and he is going to eat there.

This is a complete sentence composed of two clauses. There are mainly two types of clauses: independent clauses and subordinate clauses.

Independent clauses act as complete sentences, while subordinate clauses cannot stand alone and need another clause to complete their meaning. For example:

Independent clause example: The boy went to the school.

Subordinate clause example: After the boy went to the school...

**Phrases**

A group of two or more grammatically linked words that do not have subject and predicate is a phrase.

Example of a complete sentence: The girl is at home, and tomorrow she is going to the amusement park.

Example of a clause: The girl is at home.

Example of a phrase: The girl

You can see that "the girl" is a phrase located in the first clause of the complete sentence above.

Phrases act like parts of speech inside clauses. That is, they can act as nouns, adjectives, adverbs and so on.

**Parts of Speech**

A word is a "part of speech" only when it is used in a sentence. The function that word serves in a sentence is what makes it whatever part of speech it is.

For example, the word "run" can be used as more than one part of speech.

Running hit a home run.

Run is a noun, direct object of hit.

You mustn't run near the swimming pool.

Run is a verb, part of the verb phrase must (not) run.

Traditional grammar classifies words based on eight parts of speech: the noun, the pronoun, the adjective, the verb, the adverb, the preposition, the conjunction, and the interjection. We are going to cover them individually below.

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