

## What are words and phrases?

A **word** is a group of letters arranged in a particular order. It has a meaning. Examples are: *flower, bird, boy, student, beautiful, evening, nice* etc.

A group of letters that does not make any sense is not a word. For example, *rhts, btured, ghuyt* and *gklis* are not words because they do not make any sense.

## What is a phrase?

A **phrase** is a group of words that makes sense. Examples are: *the boy, a beautiful girl, in the morning* and *on the table*.

### Notes

A group of words becomes a phrase only when it makes sense. So what about the word group given below? Is it a phrase?

*The on table*

No, it is not a phrase because it doesn't make any sense. However, by rearranging the words we can convert it into a meaningful phrase: *on the table*

## Exercise

**Put a tick mark against the phrases in the following.**

1. on the table
2. around corner the
3. evening an unforgettable
4. a wonderful experience
5. a badly cooked meal
6. dog my neighbour's
7. sky in stars the
8. a sheet of paper
9. story an interesting

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10. bird in hand a

11. thread a piece of

12. the desert ship of

13. better than anybody else

14. a blade of grass

15. bush a bird in the

16. a funny little guy

17. flowers a garland of

18. bottle the in

19. a glass of water

20. a clever dog