A **noun** is a naming word.



*kite*

A **noun phrase** also names something, but using more than one word.

*a purple and green kite with a long tail*

In the following sentence the noun phrase is underlined.

*The old red car with a rusty bonnet broke down outside school.*

If you are not sure if a group of words is a noun phrase or not, try replacing it with a pronoun. If it still makes sense then it is a noun phrase.

*It broke down outside school.*

Using a noun phrase can make writing more interesting than just using a noun on its own.