

# Noun phrases

Nouns are the names of things, animals and people, such as **tree**, **tiger** and **brother**. A **noun phrase** is a group of words that all belong with the noun and tell us more about it.

Look at how we can add words to the noun **dog** to make a noun phrase that describes what the dog is like.

a small dog



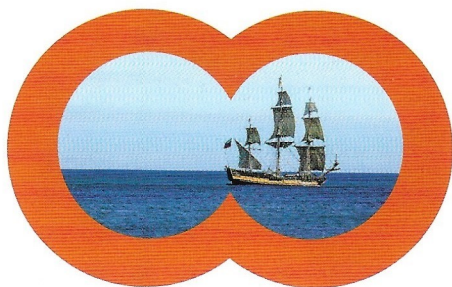
a small white dog with a little orange collar



a small white dog with a little orange collar and a flowing cape



A noun phrase is not a sentence. It doesn't begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop. It just gives more information about a noun. In a sentence, we can use a noun phrase like a noun.



We saw a ship.



We saw **an old sailing ship with three tall masts.**

**Top tip**

Using longer noun phrases can make your writing more interesting.