

# SYNTAX

## النحو

طبيعة أي لغة معقدة ووصف اللغة يتطلب تحليلها وذلك بتفصيل اللغة إلى مكوناتها المختلفة. فمثلا:

Phonology: deals with sound system of languages

Morphology: looks at the way words are formed

بينما في ال **syntax** وهو محور تركيزنا في هذا الملف فيهتم ب:

Describing the way words fit together to form sentences or utterances

في المدرسة درسنا أن الكلمات نقسمها حسب مجموعات حسب معناها ، يعني ال . parts of speech . إن شاء الله حنتناول هذه المجموعات وتقسيماتها وكيفية التمييز بينها بطريقة علمية.

parts of speech تنقسم عندي إلى مجموعتين:  
open class of words

سميت بهذا الاسم لأنه يمكن إضافة كلمات جديدة إليها باستمرار.  
تشمل هذه المجموعة:

noun-verbs- adjectives- adverbs

بينما ال closed class of words

سميت بهذا الاسم لأنه نادرا ما يضاف إليها كلمات جديدة.  
تشمل هذه المجموعة:

prepositions- conjunctions- pronouns- auxiliaries-  
determiners

نبدأ مع ال open class of words وأول لقاء لنا مع ال: nouns

اولا ، نحتاج نعرف الاختصار N = NOUN

NP= NOUN PHRASE لاننا مستقبلا حنستخدمهم كثير.

من التعريف البنقولها دائما عن ال NOUNS

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A noun is a naming word. It names a person, place, thing, idea, living creature, quality, or action.

Examples:

cowboy, theatre, box, thought, tree, kindness, arrival

ولكن نحن هدفنا هنا التعرف على الاسماء عن طريق مميزاتها - ال

## FEATURES

1- Noun+ pl(= plural) boys

يعني الاسماء بتقبل الجمع

2- Noun+ possessive pronoun

the boy's book

الاسماء تقبل ضمير الملكية

3- يسبق الاسماء Determiner Det مثل

a boy- few

boys

4- يسبق الاسماء Det+ Adj

The nice girl

The= Det

nice= Adj

5- تأخذ الاسماء بعض ال derivational morphemes مثل

kingdom- friendship

تنقسم الاسماء عندي إلى 3 انواع:

### 1- Common nouns

وهي التي لا ترمز لاسم شخص \ شيء محدد.

boy- girl- book

وهي بدورها تنقسم إلى

a girl- girls count nouns =اسماء قابلة للعد مثل

water uncountable =غير قابلة للعد

### 2- Proper nouns

### 3- Collective nouns

بعض الاسماء يمكن ان تكون مفرد \ جمع حسب نظرنا إليها كوحدة واحدة او كمجموعة.

team- government

التمارين:

#### Exercise 1

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#### Exercise 2

In each of the following sentences, indicate whether the highlighted noun is count or non-count.

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2- The **information** you gave to the detective was very misleading.

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3-Smoking damages your health. [/b][[/quote]

non-count

### Verbs features

1- Take past tense morpheme

walked

2- Take third person singular morpheme

walks

3- Take progressive morpheme

walking

4- aux+ verb

we may go

5- (please) + verb

Could you please open the door for me?

### Types of verbs

يعتمد هذا التصنيف على إذا ما كان الفعل يأخذ مفعولا به ام لا

1- transitive verbs= take an object

2- intransitive verbs= do not take an object

3- ditransitive verbs= have 2 objects ; a direct and indirect object

We got Ann a present

Both Ann and present are objects

We identify the **direct object** by asking " what?"

We identify the **indirect object** by asking " **who- which**"

Exercise

Identify the type of verb in the following sentences

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2- My friend rejected the offer

3- She bought her sister a shirt

4- Lee sneezed

5- The boy broke the window

6- The girl cried

7- I understood the question

8- I slept

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1- Ann opened the door

transitive . The door is the object

2- My friend rejected the offer transitive= the offer is the object

3- She bought her sister a shirt

ditransitive= two objects (her sister and a shirt

4- Lee sneezed

intransitive

5- The boy broke the window

transitive= the window is the object

6- The girl cried

intransitive

7- I understood the question

transitive= the question is object

8- I slept

intransitive

نتناول اليوم ال. adjectives

قبل أن نبدأ بعرض مميزات الصفات نحتاج أن نتذكر ان الصفات تصف

مميزات الاسماء modify

مميزات الصفات:

1- Adjective (Adj)+ comparative or superlative morphemes

bigger- biggest

2- Take derivational morphemes such as -ful, -y, -less etc

comic- selfish

3- Adjectives occur after linking verbs

Linking verbs are: seem- become- look- feel- smell- taste

Adjectives also occur after verb to be

4- Adj come after adverbs

5- Adj are modified by degree modifiers (very- most) example

She is too formal

too is a degree modifier

There are two types of adjectives

1- Attributive adjective

comes before the noun

2- Predicative adjective

comes after a pronoun - linking verb

I find it difficult

### Exercise

Identify adjective type in the following sentences

- 1- The new teacher has arrived
- 2- The player is tall
- 3- She is a nice person
- 4- The baby is awake
- 5- The dog seems afraid

Adverbs are the last major open word class that we will deal with

We shall begin with features of adverbs

1- adj+ly

quick is the adjective

quickly is the adverb

2- Adverbs modify the verb (tell us more about it- describe it

He drove quickly

The adverb quickly told us more about who he drove

Adverbs may modify other adverbs

She spoke unusually quickly

Both unusually and quickly are adverbs

3- Most adv(erbs) end in -ly but there are some that do not take it

fast-hard- well

An important point:

NOT all words ENDING in -ly are ADVERBS

The following words are adj ending in -ly

costly, deadly, friendly, kindly, likely, lively, manly, and timely.

That's all for adverbs. It's time for an exercise

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- 1a. My train arrived late, as usual
- 1b. I'm watching the late film
- 2a. The Times is published daily
- 2b. The Times is a daily newspaper
- 3a. This exercise is harder than I thought
- 3b. I hope you'll try harder in future

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adjective

a. The Times is published daily<sup>2</sup>

adverb

b. The Times is a daily newspaper<sup>2</sup>

adjective

a. This exercise is harder than I thought<sup>3</sup>

adjective

b. I hope you'll try harder in<sup>3</sup>

future adverb

نبدأ اليوم مع ال closed class of words وسبب تسميتها بهذا الاسم انه  
لا يضاف إليها كلمات جديدة إلا نادراً.



اول مجموعة سنتناولها من هذا التصنيف هي ال prepositions  
نشوف المميزات الخاصو بها:

1-prep (preposition)+ noun

I got it from the library

from= prep

the library= NP (noun phrase

2- Adv+ prep

The car is right behind us

right= adv

Functions of prepositions

لحروف الجر ثلاث وظائف في قواعد علم النحو.

1- الدلالة على المكان والزمان:

I walked to the sea

He arrived at five o'clock

2- الدلالة على العلاقات القواعدية (direct grammatical relations  
and indirect objrct)

ونستدل عليها بحروف الجر ومنها of- to-for

I lent my money to Ann

3- An adverbial function

She answered in a loud voice

Helping verbs من مميزاتها:

1- aux+ base form of the verb

يعني الفعل المساعد + الفعل في المصدر

He may go

2- In declarative sentences, aux occurs in the following

pattern

NP+ AUX+VP

The boys may leave

3- In interrogative sentences , AUX+ NP+VP

Can the boy leave?

4- In negation, aux+not

5- They were talking about you last night

الفعل المساعد يعبر عن ال tense وهما في الانجليزي:

past and present

An important difference between auxiliary verbs and main verbs is that auxiliaries never occur alone in a sentence. For instance, we cannot remove the main verb from a sentence, leaving only the auxiliary:

I would like a new job

I would a new job\*

It's time for an exercise

Is the highlighted verb a main verb or an auxiliary verb?

I will have the soup

Main Verb

Auxiliary Verb

Police are investigating the incident

main verb

auxiliary verb

They have decided to advertise your job

main verb

auxiliary verb

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Main Verb

## Auxiliary Verb

correct answer= main verb

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main verb

auxiliary verb

correct answer= auxiliary verb

They have decided to advertise your job

main verb

auxiliary verb[/quote]

correct answer= auxiliary verb

determiners وهي تدرج تحت ال closed class of words وتشمل هذه المجموعة:

Definite and indefinite articles= a \the

determiners when they appear ونقصد بها Numerals  
before a noun. In this position, cardinal numerals  
express quantity:

one book

two books

twenty books

It also includes modifiers - demonstrative pronouns-  
possessive pronouns

Features of determiners

position= det+ n

The boy- several boys

2- Det+ (Adj)+ N

القوس يعني ان وجود العنصر اختياري

The (smart) boy

3- Do not occur with pronouns

4- Maximum number of suffixes in a sequence is four

All the first ten boys will get prizes

5- Det do not necessarily occur with nouns

Those are full

6- Det do not take suffixes

Phrase:

A phrase is a group of words acting as a single part of speech and not containing both a subject and a verb. It is a part of a sentence, and does not express a complete thought.

تنقسم ال phrases إلى انواع:

1- NP (NOUN PHRASES)

وقد تكون بأي واحد من الاشكال التالية:

- DET+ N

The husband helps the wife

- N+ PL(PLURAL )

Boys joined the team

- Det+ Adj+ N

Her young son

- Det+ N+ pp (prepositional phrase)

Her son is from my town

- Pronoun only

They joined the team

ADJECTIVE PHRASES COMBINATIONS:

1- ADJ ALONE

The boy is big.

big is the adjective

2- adj+ adj

The big huge room

يوجد صفتين big+ huge

3- modifier+ adj

very small

very is the modifier

4- adverb+ adj

extremely small

5- adj+ prep

The good for nothing room

The prep is : for nothing room

prepositional phrases:

تأخذ إحدى الشكلىن التالىين:

p+ NP

at home

p+pp

from behind the curtains

Adverbial phrases

Adv alone

She spoke slowly

slowly is the adverb

2- adv+ adv

She speaks very slowly

3- Adv clause

She called her friend before she called home

before is an adverb subordinator

وهو آخر نوع لدينا من انواع ال . phrases نشوف الاشكال التي ياتي بها  
phrases هذا النوع من ال

1- verb alone

The plane crashed

2- V+NP

She loves fruits

3- V+NP+PP

she walked her dog through the park

4- V+ clause\ sentence

She believes that her son is smart

5- V+ ADV

she slept soundly

Exercise

Identify the type of the phrase in the following examples

very bright sunflowers

overflowed quiet quickly

inside the house

quite quickly

Identify the type of the phrase in the following examples

very bright sunflowers

NP

main word is sunflowers

overflowed quiet quickly

verb phrase

inside the house

prepositional phrase

quite quickly

adverbial phrase

يرتبط هذا المفهوم بالمواضيع السابقة التي تناولناها عن ال Phrase types  
في كل Phrase تكون لدينا كلمة رئيسية وهي المركزية فيها وتعرف بل  
head بينما يسمى البقية بل dependents

[grade="00008B FF6347 008000 008080"]Features of the head[/grade]

1- most important word in the phrase

2- the head is obligatory= cannot be omitted

very bright sunflowers

If I say sunflowers only , that is acceptable

However, very bright is not

3- the head determines the meaning of the phrase

بتأثير ال head على ال: dependents

1-The head determines the word class of its dependents

he spoke sincerely

\* he spoke sincere

ال head في المثالين السابقين هو الفعل spoke :

في الانجليزية ان الحال adverb هو الذي يصف modify الفعل - لذا كان المثال الثاني غير صحيح.

2-The head determines the grammatical properties :

agreement in number and gender

In English , there is only agreement in number

the bright shirt

the bright shirts

3-bought a book

open the door

في المثالين اعلاه - يحتاج الفعل لمفعول به وهو ال dependents والتي

يجب ان تشغل موضع معين. ستتضح هذه النقطة تحت درس انواع ال

dependents

adjuncts and complements dependents

سنوضح المقصود من المصطلحين من خلال الامثلة:

## 1-Talks loudly

loudly= dependent

يمكنني حذف كلمة loudly واستبدالها بكلمة أخرى - فما دام من الممكن

حذفها او استبدالها فأنها تعرف ب adjunct

## 2-he admires famous linguists

famous linguists= dependent

type= complement

السبب انه لا يمكن حذف الجزء الذي تحته خط لأن المعنى من دونه يكون

ناقصا وغير مكتمل.

إذا قلت he admires : وسكت ... سيتوقع الجميع أن هناك تكملة للجملة.

تمرين بسيط على موضوع اليوم:

Identify the dependent in the following phrases and

indicate its type

- sings in the garden
- wondered whether to leave
- fond of chips

Identify the dependent in the following phrases and

indicate its type

- sings in the garden

in the bath is an adjunct? it can be omitted and the phrase is understood without it

- wondered whether to leave

whether to leave = a complement

I can't say " wondered" only , you will ask the question

wondered about what?

- fond of chips]

of chips= a dependent and it;s a complement

because the adjective font always takes the preposition of .



We previously defined the terms : head, complement and adjunct.

We also stated that dependents are 2 types:

complements= give essential information , cannot be deleted

adjuncts= give extra information and can be deleted

We also classified verbs into transitive, intransitive and ditransitive. We'll see what type of dependent each type of verb requires

1- sing

The verb sing can be both transitive and intransitive depending on the context

he sings in the garden

in the shower is an adjunct, it gives us extra information about where he sings .

he sings folk songs

folk songs is a complement. if it is omitted , we'll ask the question: he sings what?

Exercise

Identify the dependents in the following phrases and indicate their type

1- he left early

2- he left a son behind

3- she drove a car

4- the re-wrote the assignment

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1-he left early

early is the dependent and it is an adjunct.

2-he left a son behind

a son behind is the dependent and it is a complement.  
It cannot be deleted because it gives essential information

3-she drove a car

a car is the dependent, and it is a complement. Notice that drive is a transitive verb that must take an object that's why a car is a complement

4-the re-wrote the assignment[/QUOTE]

the assignment is the dependent and it is a complement

Dependents of ditransitive verbs

عرفنا سابقا ال ditransitive verb بأنه الفعل الذي يأخذ مفعولين .

She handed Ann the letter

: Ann - the letter المفعولين هما

ال ditransitive verbs تأخذ ال dependents التالية

I applied for a job

the cake consists of fruits and nuts

vp+pp

في هذه الحالة لا يمكن حذف ال pp لان الفعل يتطلبه.

she persuaded her friend that they should leave tomorrow

complement 1= her friend

complement 2= that clause

ومن الافعال التي تأخذ نفس النمط هي:

allow - permit- convince- encourage

adjective phrase تأخذ complements

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1- adj phrase selects a complement of pp as its head

fond - capable- full of

complement - it cannot be deleted حرف الجر ' of " لازم يتبع الصفة لذا فهو

2- it can take an optional complement

she is good at spelling

at spelling can be omitted - the meaning will be incomplete but it is considered an optional complement

امثلة اخرى تشمل:

she is sorry for being late- she is sorry for her friend

نختم موضوع ال heads and complements بهذا التمرين.

Identify the head and identify the type of dependents.

went with anticipation

enjoyed prayer time

came to Islam

she glanced at the book

the news on television

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went = head

with anticipation= dependent and its type is a complement

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enjoyed= head

prayer time= dependent- complement

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the news on television[/quote]

head= the news (NP)

on television= adjunct

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features of complex sentences

structure

main clause+ subordinate clause

لدينا 4 اختبارات لتمييز ال subordinate clause من ال main clause

1- all main clauses contain a finite verb . Subordinate clauses may contain finite verbs but this is not always

the case

my friend claimed that her boss was absent

الجزء الذي تحته خط هو ال main clause

claimed = finite نلاحظ ان الفعل

was = finite ( هذا مثال على أن ال subordinate clause قد يحتوي

finite verbs على )

2- a subordinate clause usually starts with a complementizer (that - whether- if- for )

for you to act so hastily was unexpected

the underlined words are the subordinate clause

because they started with the complementizer for

3- In main clauses, it is possible to have subject-aux inversion

I persuaded my friend to stay one more day

\* day to stay one

4- only main clauses can have tag questions

I persuaded my friend to visit me

the tag question: didn't I ?

Exercise

Identify the main and subordinate clauses in the following sentences

to cook for her brother

having given her lessons , she went home right away

if you write to your friend, she will send you a present

ال relative clauses هي شكل من اشكال الجمل ال complex

تتكون من main clause+ subordinate clause

examples

I met the students( who hadn't read the book

who= relative pronoun

who- that -which = relative pronouns and they are optional

أحيانا تكون وظيفتها أن تحل محل الفاعل في هذه الحالة لا يمكننا حذفه ما إذا كان يحل محل المفعول به فيمكننا حذفه. نشوف امثلة:

I met the student (who hadn't read the book  
ال who عائدة على ال student إذا وضعناها مكانها ستكون الجملة:  
the student hadn't read the book  
so, who cannot be deleted because it functions as the  
subject  
the paper (which we discussed last week) was  
interesting  
which refers to the paper  
let's look at the sentence after deleting which and  
inserting the word paper  
we discussed (what ) last week?  
the paper , so which functions as an object and it can  
be deleted

What is a constituent?

A constituent is a phrase

Sentences are made of smaller parts called phrases or constituents. Acceptable phrases form

**CONSTITUENTS**

Why is important to know constituents?

It helps in understanding ambiguous sentences

Examples:

1- Black cab drivers went on strike

This sentence could mean

a- (black cab) drivers

Those who drive the cabs are black

b- (black) (cab) drivers

Here, the colour of the cabs is described

How do we identify constituents?

There are many tests. Today, we'll cover two tests only

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1- replacing the constituent with a pronoun

For example, are the underlined words constituents?

the tall student left the room

the tall student is a constituent because it can be replaced by the pronoun HE \ SHE

the room is also a constituent, it can be replaced with the pronoun IT

## 2- SENTENCE FRAGMENTS

the tall student left the room

Does " the tall student" form a constituent?

We can say: who left the room?

answer= the tall student, so it is a constituent

In the sentence fragment test, if the group of words are acceptable as an answer to the question then it is considered a constituent

constituent tests نكمل اليوم بقية ال

### Echo- questions

Your friend visited the university yesterday

Is the word university a constituent?

We can prove it is a constituent or not using the echo question test. We say

your friend visited what?

the answer is university and it is grammatically acceptable, so it is a constituent

I opened a new account

I opened what ?

Answer= a new account= a constituent

ملاحظة:

ال what قد تأتي في منتصف او نهاية الجملة

## Sentence cleft

ال sentence cleft هو عبارة عن استخدام التركيبية التالية للكشف عن ال constituents

it's the ----- that

it was the ----- that( past)

constituents ويكون في (النقاط ) الكلمات التي نريد اثبات كونها

He opened the window

It was the window that he opened

syntactic process: nominalization

Ahmed's winning the game surprised me

winning is a NOUN derived from the verb 'win' which is known as nominalization= turning a verb into a noun

Traditionally, they are known as gerunds

2- Noun fronting

Apples, I like but oranges, I hate

Apples which is an object is fronted.

Fronting is used for giving emphasis to a particular noun

Normal word order in English is : svo

s= subject

v= verb

o= object

3-Recursion

Recursion is the ability to keep adding more embedded clauses to a sentence and is still considered grammatical

He thought that Ali won the first prize

He said that he thought that Ali won the first prize

Note:

There is no longest sentence in language