

English Noun Phrase

LIMITER	DETERMINER 1	DETERMINER 2	DETERMINER 3	LOOSE-KNIT MODIFIER
only				
	all	the	several	
only		an		occasional
			many	
		the		
	almost half	John's own	sixty three	
		your		specific
		any		
		a		major
		the		
only		the	three	small
	all	the		available
		their		diverse
		the		
		the		good
		that		
limiters	quantity phrases	definite phrase possessor phrase articles	cardinal numeral phrase quantifier phrase (count) quantifier phrase (mass) number words numeral comparison phrase	adjective phrase nominal adjective 2 nominal adjective 2 -ing phrase -en phrase (active) -en phrase (passive) material noun phrase manner adjective phrase adverbial adjective phrase adjective phrase

Dr. Fries shares his class handout chart on the construction of the English Noun Phrase.*

Construction

CLOSE-KIT MODIFIER	HEAD	RESTRICTIVE MODIFIER	NON-RESTRICTIVE MODIFIER
	men		
	people	whom we saw	
	sailor		
	men	who came	
skin	thermoreceptors		
	trucks		
new plant	needs		
	satellite	circling around the earth	
long-range missile development	program	that they are implementing now	
motor driven steamship	era	just ushered in	
low impedance	resistors	in the network	which are always the first to fail
	evidence		
consumer product	line		
	girl	in the water	who broke her arm last year
	article		by A.H. Benade
	building	in front of the church	
restricted noun phrase	common noun	adjective phrase	adjective phrase
-ing word	restricted noun phrase	locational phrase	locational phrase
	complex noun expression (that)	non-locational prepositional phrase	non-locational prepositional phrase
	complex noun expression (to)	definite possessive phrase	-ing phrase
	complex noun expression (of)	-ing phrase	-en phrase (active)
	semi partitive expression	-en phrase (passive)	-en phrase (passive)
		-en phrase (active)	
		active infinitive phrase	relative clause
	close appositive phrase	passive infinitive phrase	extended noun phrase
	title phrase	relative clause	