

Practise and consolidate your learning about word form groups by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct function for the words highlighted in **bold** in the sentences below.

Question 1: Is **the technician** servicing the computer today?

Answer:

- a. direct object
- b. indirect object
- c. subject

Question 2: Harold has been appointed **the new Head of Department**.

Answer:

- a. direct object
- b. subject complement
- c. object complement

Question 3: James **happens** to be waiting in the lobby.

Answer:

- a. intransitive verb
- b. transitive verb
- c. verb phrase

Question 4: Mary sent **her sister** the band's latest CD.

Answer:

- a. direct object
- b. indirect object
- c. subject complement

Question 5: The news of the engagement made the parents **very happy**.

Answer:

- a. indirect object
- b. subject complement
- c. object complement

Question 6: I bought **the latest gadget** for my computer.

Answer:

- a. direct object
- b. indirect object
- c. subject complement

Question 7: Because of the bus strike, Janet came **quite late** for the meeting.

Answer:

- a. indirect object
- b. adverbial
- c. subject complement

Question 8: Kevin **heard** a faint sound from under the rubble.

Answer:

- a. transitive verb
- b. intransitive verb
- c. direct object

Question 9: After a successful tennis career, Michael became **their mentor**.

Answer:

- a. direct object
- b. subject complement
- c. object complement

Question 10: The flight departs **in the afternoon** from gate 15.

Answer:

- a. subject complement
- b. indirect object
- c. adverbial

ACTIVITY 2

Identify the word form group and function of the words highlighted in **bold** in the sentences below.

Question 1: The mechanic used black **grease** to **grease** the cars.

Question 2: It would be appropriate to **present** the **present** in the **present** time.

Question 3: The man used his farm to **produce produce**.

Question 4: Unfortunately, John will **object** to that **object** in the window.

Question 5: Actually, Mary will **contest** the **contest**, which she feels was biased.

Question 6: Conveniently, the Smiths **live** in the vicinity to take part in the **live** concert.

Question 7: The scientist will **subject** the **subject** to DNA testing.

Question 8: The council will not **permit** the use of an interstate **permit**.

Question 9: Students' **progress** will need to **progress** faster to have an impact.

Question 10: The southerly **wind** made it impossible to **wind** down the canvas awning.

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Question 1: Is **the technician** servicing the computer today?

Answer: **c. subject**

Question 2: Harold has been appointed **the new Head of Department**.

Answer: **b. subject complement**

Question 3: James **happens** to be waiting in the lobby.

Answer: **a. intransitive verb**

Question 4: Mary sent **her sister** the band's latest CD.

Answer: **b. indirect object**

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Answer: **c. object complement**

Question 6: I bought **the latest gadget** for my computer.

Answer: **a. direct object**

Question 7: Because of the bus strike, Janet came **quite late** for the meeting.

Answer: **b. adverbial**

Question 8: Kevin **heard** a faint sound from under the rubble.

Answer: **a. transitive verb**

Question 9: After a successful tennis career, Michael became **their mentor**.

Answer: **b. subject complement**

Question 10: The flight departs **in the afternoon** from gate 15.

Answer: **c. adverbial**



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

- Question 1:** The mechanic used black **grease** to **grease** the cars.
noun phrase *verb phrase*
object *verb*
 /gris/ /gris/ ~ /griz/
- Question 2:** It would be appropriate to **present** the **present** in the **present** time.
verb phrase *noun phrase* *preposition phrase*
verb *object* *adverbial*
 /prə'zɛnt/ /'prezənt/ /'prezənt/
- Question 3:** The man used his farm to **produce** **produce**.
verb phrase *noun phrase*
verb *object*
 /prə'dʒus/ /'prɒdʒus/
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verb phrase *preposition phrase*
verb *adverbial*
 /əb'dʒɛkt/ /'ɒbdʒɛkt/
- Question 5:** Actually, Mary will **contest** the **contest**, which she feels was biased.
verb phrase *noun phrase*
verb *object*
 /kən'tɛst/ /'kɒntɛst/
- Question 6:** Conveniently, the Smiths **live** in the vicinity to take part in the **live** concert.
verb phrase *preposition phrase*
verb *adverbial*
 /li:v/ /laɪv/
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verb phrase *noun phrase*
verb *object*
 /səb'dʒɛkt/ /'sʌbdʒɛkt/
- Question 8:** The council will not **permit** the use of an interstate **permit**.
verb phrase *noun phrase*
verb *object*
 /pə'mɪt/ /'pɜ:mɪt/
- Question 9:** Students' **progress** will need to **progress** faster to have an impact.
noun phrase *verb phrase*
subject *verb*
 /'prɒʊgrɛs/ /prə'grɛs/
- Question 10:** The southerly **wind** made it impossible to **wind** down the canvas awning.
noun phrase *verb phrase*
subject *verb*
 /wɪnd/ /waɪnd/