A **noun phrase** *often* includes a determiner, modifiers, and a noun.

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| **Determiner** | **Modifier(s)** | **Noun** |
| articles, quantifiers, numbers, possessive adjectives (e.g. my, your, their) and demonstrative adjectives (e.g. this, that, these, those) | adjectives, nouns, possessive forms (of nouns), adverb-adjective combinations |  |

A **noun phrase** *can also* include a subordinate clause, for example:

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| **Determiner** | **Modifier(s)** | **Noun** | **Subordinate clause** |
| The |  | woman | I told you about last Thursday |

**Noun phrases** can also include prepositional phrases, for example:

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| Determiner | Modifier(s) | Noun | Prepositional Phrase |
| The |  | trouble | with young people |

**NOTE**: These are not sentences. They do not contain a complete idea. They do not contain a verb unless it is in the subordinate clause. In a sentence the whole Noun Phrase is the subject or object.

***Develop the following into noun phrases:***

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| **Determiner** | **Modifier(s)** | **Noun** |
|  |  | car |
|  |  | tree |
|  |  | illness |
|  |  | hope |
|  |  | environment |

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| **Determiner** | **Modifier(s)** | **Noun** | **Subordinate clause or prepositional phrase** |
|  |  | pillow |  |
|  |  | capsule |  |
|  |  | love |  |

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