

# Guide to SUGAR Terms & Examples

## NP Terms

- Initiator: A term that can serve as a response utterance and as the initiator of a conversation
  - Oh
  - Ah
  - Well
- Determiner
  - Quantifier: refers to quantity in a broad sense
    - Some
    - Any
    - Much
    - Many
    - A lot
    - A few
    - Several
    - Enough
  - Article: a word used to modify a noun
    - A, an, the
  - Possessive Pronoun: a pronoun that replaces a noun in a sentence and demonstrates possession. Does not have an apostrophe.
    - His, hers, mine, theirs, yours
  - Demonstratives: A determiner used to demonstrate the identity of the thing referenced by the following noun:
    - This
    - That
    - These
    - Those
  - Numerical: an actual or specific number term used
    - One
    - Two
    - Three
- Adjectives: modifies or describes a noun
  - Possessive Noun: Noun demonstrating possession and has an apostrophe.
    - Daddy's
    - Mommy's
  - Ordinal: Relates to position in a series
    - First
    - Second
    - Third
  - Adverb: when an adverb modifies an adjective

- The *very* hungry kitten
    - The *really* sad boy
  - Adjective: a word or phrase naming an attribute, added to or grammatically related to a noun to modify or describe it
    - Beautiful
    - Sleeveless
    - Breakable
    - Nicer
  - Descriptor: a noun describing a noun
    - Pizza boy
    - Lake house
- Noun: person, place or thing
- Modifier: an optional element in phrase structure or clause structure. A modifier is so called because it is said to modify (change the meaning of) another element in the structure, on which it is dependent. Typically the modifier can be removed without affecting the grammar of the sentence.
  - The *swiftly flowing* waters
  - I saw the man *whom we met yesterday*
  - Prepositional phrase: prepositional phrase that modifies a noun
    - The doll *in the box*
    - The girl *in my class*
  - Adjectival Phrase: a compound of two or more attributive words that modify a noun
    - The Lone Ranger riding into the sunset is a vivid memory for an older generation of Americans.
    - Diogenes is remembered as the man carrying a lantern in broad daylight.
  - Adverbial Phrase: a group of two or more words operating adverbially, meaning that their syntactic function is to modify a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.
    - I will sit *in silence*.
    - I will do it *in a minute*.
  - Embedded Clause: a group of words that includes a subject and a verb that is within a main clause
    - My bike, which is very old, is broken
    - The witch, who has green eyes, is very spooky.

## **Verb Forms**

- Uninflected: root or stem of a verb
  - read
  - bet
  - cast

- Copula: “To Be” form of a verb used as the main verb.
  - The sky *is* blue
  - The air *was* cold
- Auxiliary Verb + ing : helping verb in the present progressive tense
  - The boy *is running*
  - The dog *is going*
- Modal Auxiliary: express modality
 

▪ Can	▪ May	▪ Ought to	▪ Will
▪ Could	▪ Might	▪ Shall	▪ Would
▪ Had better	▪ Must	• Should	
▪ Had best	▪ Need	• Used to	

- Do/Don't/Does/Doesn't + Verb

*She doesn't sleep* all day.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Person: In present tense, singular verbs use the *-s* marker. Three exceptions: *have*, *go*, and *does*.
  - Speaks
  - Gives
  - Makes
- Irregular Past Tense: Instead of adding the *-ed* marker, these verbs change forms
  - Sing/sang
  - Run/ran
- Regular past tense: The simple past is used to describe an action that occurred and was completed in the past and uses the *-ed* marker.
  - Walked, greeted, pushed
- Will/Going to + Verb
  - He will go skating
  - She is going to go shopping
- Prepositional Phrase: Same as the NP, but follows the verb
- Infinitive phrase: Begins with an infinitive (to + simple form of the verb). It can include objects and/or modifiers.
  - To smash a spider
  - To kick the ball past the dazed goalie
- Adverb: modifies a verb, adjective or another adverb. Can be manner, place, time or degree
  - She ran quickly
  - I looked everywhere

## Elaborated Noun Phrase Examples

Article + Noun

*A baby, the thing, a playground*

Possessive pronoun + Noun

*My brother, our car*

Article + Adjective + Noun

*A yellow jeep, the other story, an underwater cake*

Article + Descriptor + Noun

*The Belle sticker, a ghost crab, a donkey kick*

Possessive pronoun + Adjective + Noun

*My favorite book, our other car*

Possessive pronoun + Descriptor + Noun

*My pirate game, our trailer bike*

Quantifier + Article + Noun

*Some big dollars, some of the things*

Quantifier + Possessive pronoun + Noun

*All my books, a lot of my friends*

Quantifier + Demonstrative + Noun

*Some of those boys*

Quantifier + Numerical term + Noun:

*All three games*

## Elaborated Verb Phrase Examples

Infinitive phrases

*I like to play; I'm going to go to the beach*

Prepositional phrases

*I like to play with cars.*

Do/does + V

*I don't know why*