



Variety in Phrases and Clauses

Today's Standard

9-10.L.1b - Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

Cues	Notes
What are phrases?	Phrases are groups of words that act as a single part of speech but do not contain both a subject and a verb.
What are clauses?	Clauses are groups of words that contain a subject and a verb. They can be independent (stand alone) or dependent (cannot stand alone).
Why vary sentence structure?	Varying sentence structure keeps writing interesting and helps convey specific meanings more effectively.
Examples of phrases	Examples of phrases: noun phrase, verb phrase, adjectival phrase, adverbial phrase, participial phrase, prepositional phrase, absolute phrase.
Examples of clauses	Examples of clauses: independent clause, dependent clause, noun clause, relative clause, adverbial clause.

Summary

Understanding and using a variety of phrases and clauses can enhance writing by making it more engaging and effective. This skill is essential for clear communication and advanced writing.