

Grammar Rules: Building Blocks



Word = Worm
 A grammatical element composed of a letter or letters.

Word alone

Phrase = Friendly Worms
 Two or more Words with *no* subject or verb.

Word Word two friends

Clause = Collection of Friendly Worms
 A Phrase *with* subject and verb that makes a complete thought (independent) or doesn't (dependent).

Subject Verb Word We are friends. ← Word Subject Verb If we're friends, ...

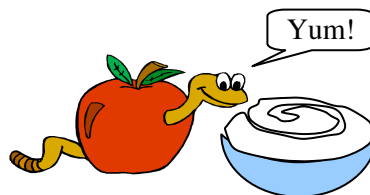
Sentence = Stands Alone
 An Independent Clause or a combination of Clauses that make a complete thought and stand alone.

Subject Verb Word Word Word We're a thoughtful collection of friends who can stand alone.

Paragraph = Party of Sentences
 A group of related Sentences that address a particular theme.

Subject Verb Word Word Word We are collections of friends who can stand alone. But we like to get together for these parties.

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 Word-Phrase-Clause-
 Sentence-Paragraph

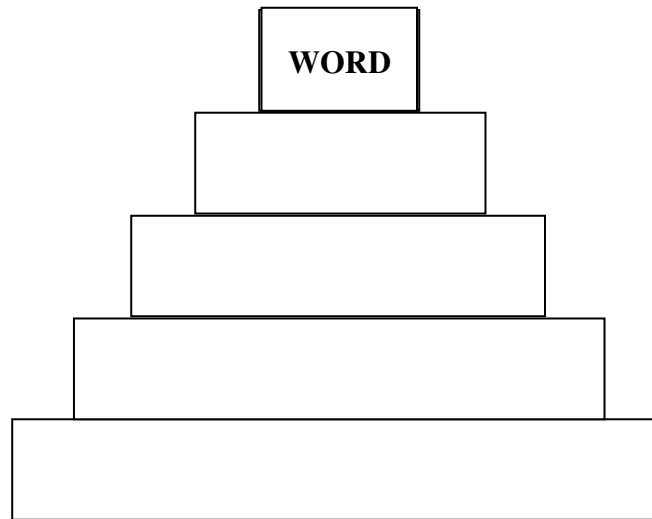


To memorize the building blocks in order, imagine a worm sipping
WhiP - Cream - SouP!



Your Turn!

* *Fill in the diagram from the smallest building block on top to the largest on the bottom.*



* *What is the difference between a Phrase and a Clause?*

* *Which building block or blocks express a complete thought?*

* *Which building block addresses a theme.*

Answers

* From top to bottom: Word, Phrase, Clause, Sentence, Paragraph.

* Clause has a subject and verb. Phrase does not.

* Independent clause; sentence.

* Paragraph.