

Text-based Intervention Syntax (Simple Sentence)

Simple Sentence

This is an introduction only. For a more in depth description of the syntactical terms please consult a grammar book.

Definition: simple sentences contain a single **main clause**, which must contain at least one **noun**, and a **verb**.

Main clause: a simple sentence has a single main clause, composed of at least one **noun phrase**, and a **verb phrase**. Better known as the **subject-verb** combination; **subject** and **verb** is at the heart of every sentence.

Noun: nouns are names. Nouns can be the name of people, places, groups, qualities and ideas.

Verbs: every sentence must have a verb in it. Verbs can be an **action**, or state of **being**.

Noun phrase: noun phrases contain a head **noun**, which is usually accompanied by a **modifier**.

Verb phrase: verb phrases are a structured sequence of words built around a verb.

Example: **We** walked in the **rain**.

Example: (Action) 'The boy **walked**.'
(Being) 'He **was** tired.'

'The boys...'
article noun

'...are swimming.'
auxiliary verb verb

Simple sentence/Main clause
'The boys are swimming.'