***Order of a Sentence: Subject/Verb/Indirect Object/Direct Object***

**Functions of a Noun:**

1. **Subject**- Usually does the action

 John ran away from the monster.

 Nearing the yellow light, the driver sped up.

1. **Direct Object**- follows the verb and receives the action of the verb

 **\*\* ask yourself “who” or “what”**

John threw the ball. (threw what?)

 We helped him with his homework. (helped who?)

1. **Indirect Object**- follows verb and is frequently a pronoun

 **\*\* ask yourself “to whom” or “for whom”**

 John gave me the money. (to whom?)

 Addison bought Alex a car. (for whom?)

1. **Predicate Nominative**- follows a state of being verb and remains the subject

 John is a student.

 Addison will be an excellent surgeon.

1. **Object of a Preposition**- the noun that follows the preposition

He left after class.

 My best friend lives across the street.

1. **Appositive**- follows the noun and renames the subject of the sentence

My sister Rita lives in Virginia.

 The book I’m reading, *The Scarlet Letter*, is set in the U.S.

 Clause= Contains a subject and a verb

 Phrase= Does NOT contain BOTH a subject and verb

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