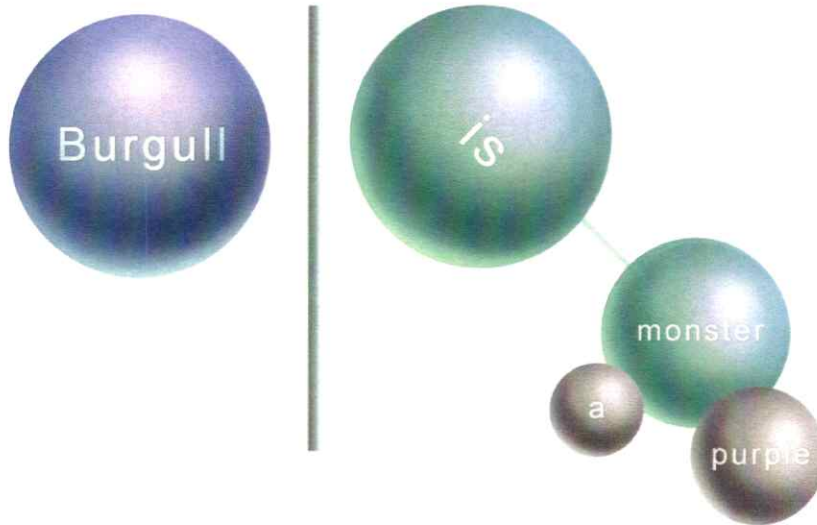


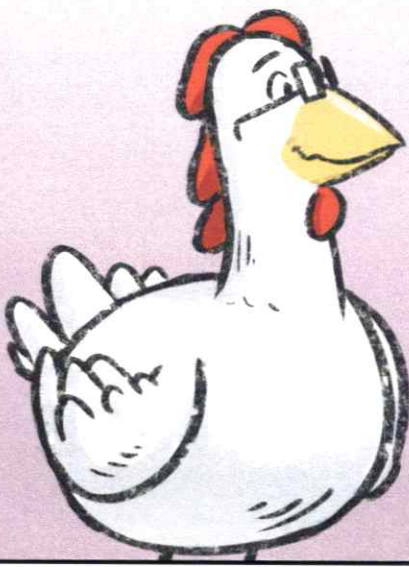
But Burgull looked worried.
Something was wrong.
Poodle looked long at Burgull.

“Grbrk, Burgull not purplegk,” said Burgull.
His feelings were hurt.



“I’m sorry,” said Poodle.
“I know you’re not purple.
It is just a sentence, Burgull.”

“Burgull not *purplegk*,” said Burgull.
He was so sensitive.





Soon Burgull felt better, and Poodle had a third level to review: **phrases**.

“Right,” he said. “Do you remember our talk about prepositional phrases?”

A phrase is **a group of words that acts like one word**.

Prepositional phrases act like adjectives or adverbs, like *modifiers*, you know, and they always begin with prepositions, such as *of, in, under, or after*.”

Dickinson reached the top **of the mountain**.

The bird **in the pond** was a heron.

The storm struck **after our other breakfast**.

The monster **under the bed** heard the chicken.

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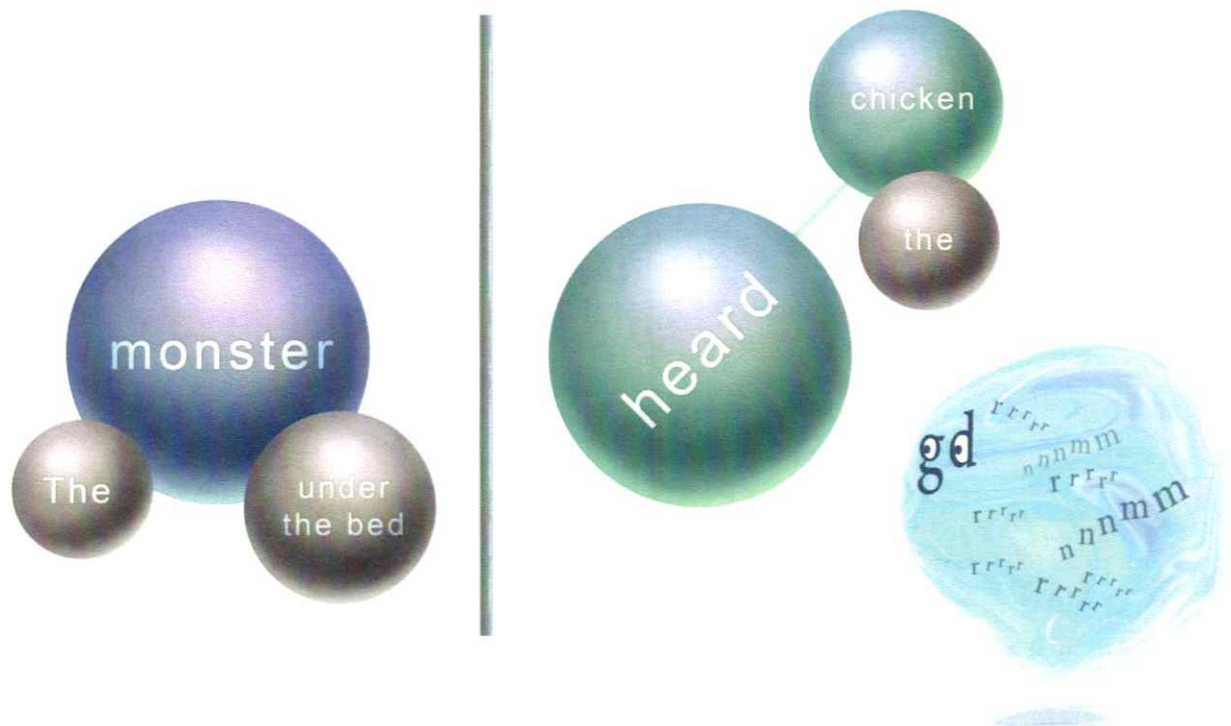
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We learned about these phrases in *Poodle and the Blue Desert Dunes*.

Prepositional phrases
do not have subjects and verbs.

The monster **under the bed** heard the chicken.

In Poodle's mind the sentence looked like this:



Poodle saw the subject/predicate, *monster/heard*,
and both sides of the idea,
and tucked inside the idea
he saw a little prepositional phrase
acting like one word,
modifying the noun *monster*.

