



Four-Level Analysis

Now that we have studied parts of speech, parts of sentence, phrases, and clauses, we can do four-level analysis. Under each sentence identify the part of speech of every word on line one, the parts of sentence on line two, the phrases on line three, and the clauses on line four. Here are two sample sentences:

Alexander always wanted to meet Diogenes, and this was his chance.

n. adv. v. -----n.----- n. conj. pron. v. adj. n.

subj. AVP -----D.O.----- subj. LVP S.C.

-----infinitive phrase-----

-----independent clause----- -----independent clause-----

an I,ccI compound declarative sentence

The coordinating conjunction that joins two independent clauses into a compound sentence is not part of either clause.

Climbing the beanstalk was a tedious job.

n. adj. n. v. adj. adj. n.

-----subj.----- LVP S.C.

-----gerund phrase-----

-----independent clause-----

a simple declarative sentence

Here is a typical sentence. The subject is a gerund phrase, with the noun *beanstalk* serving as the object of the gerund. The sentence is an equation built on a linking verb.