

phrase1. [freɪz] *n*

1. 1) фраза, словосочетание, выражение, оборот
 - provincial phrases - диалектизмы
 - graceful phrases - изящные обороты (речи)
 - in the phrase of smb. - используя чьё-л. выражение
 - we did not like his choice of phrase - нам не понравилось то, как он это сказал
 - as the phrase goes - как говорят, как говорится
 - to turn a phrase - ввернуть словечко, вставить замечание

2) идиоматическое выражение

3) меткое выражение

2. *pl* фразы, пустые слова

3. язык, стиль

in simple phrase - простым языком

felicity of phrase - лёгкость стиля

4. *лингв.* грамматический оборот

adverbial[prepositional] phrase - адвербиальный [предложный] оборот

5. *муз.* фраза

2. [freɪz] *v*

1. выражать словами; формулировать

to phrase it - сформулировать что-л.

I shouldn't phrase it quite like that - я бы выразился /сформулировал это/ иначе

2. называть; характеризовать

he is supremely original, it is quite difficult to phrase him - он чрезвычайно оригинальный человек, его очень трудно

охарактеризовать

3. *муз.* фразировать

phrase

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

phrase [phrase phrases phrased phrasing] **noun, verb** *BrE* [freɪz] ^ˈ *NAmE*

[freɪz] ^ˈ

noun

1. (**grammar**) a group of words without a [↑]finite verb, especially one that forms part of a sentence. 'the green car' and 'on Friday morning' are **phrases**.

see also [↑]noun phrase

2. a group of words which have a particular meaning when used together

• a memorable phrase

• She was, in her own favourite phrase, 'a woman without a past'.

see also [↑]catchphrase

3. (**music**) a short series of notes that form a unit within a longer passage in a piece of music

see to coin a phrase **at** [↑]coin *v.*, a turn of phrase **at** [↑]turn *n.*

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'style or manner of expression'): via late Latin from Greek **phrasis**, from **phrazein** 'declare, tell'.

Thesaurus:

phrase **noun** **C**

• His favourite phrase was 'so it goes'.

expression • • **idiom** • • **word** • • **term** •

a **technical/colloquial** phrase/expression/word/term

use a/an phrase/expression/idiom/word/term

coin a/an phrase/expression/word/term

Synonyms:

word

term • phrase • expression • idiom

These are all words for a unit of language used to express sth.

word • a single unit of language which means sth and can be spoken or written: ▪ Do not write more than 200 words. ◊▪ He uses a lot of long words.

term • (**rather formal**) a word or phrase used as the name of sth, especially one connected with a particular type of language: ▪ technical/legal/scientific terms ◊▪ 'Old man' is a slang term for 'father'.

phrase • a group of words which have a particular meaning when used together: ▪ Who coined the phrase 'desktop publishing'? In grammar, a **phrase** is a group of words without a finite verb, especially one that forms part of a sentence: 'the green car' and 'on Friday morning' are phrases.

expression • a word or phrase: ▪ He tends to use a lot of slang expressions that I've never heard before.

idiom • a group of words whose meaning is different from the meanings of the individual words: ▪ 'Let the cat out of the bag' is an idiom meaning to tell a secret by mistake.

a word/term **for** sth

a **new** word/term/phrase/expression

a **technical/colloquial** word/term/phrase/expression

a **slang** word/term/phrase
 an **idiomatic** phrase/expression
 to **use** a(n) word/term/phrase/expression/idiom
 to **coin** a(n) word/term/phrase/expression
 a(n) word/term/phrase/expression/idiom **means** sth

Example Bank:

- 'Start slowly' is the key phrase for the first-time marathon runner.
- A current popular buzz phrase is 'Think outside the box'.
- He is meticulous in his choice of words and turns of phrase.
- He just comes out with the same old stock phrases.
- Her unfortunate choice of phrase offended most of the audience.
- I bought a Spanish phrase book.
- In 1998, he trademarked the phrase 'Freedom of Expression'.
- She can certainly turn a phrase.
- She was, in her own memorable phrase, 'a woman without a past'.
- Who coined the phrase 'desktop publishing'?

verb

- 1. transitive** to say or write sth in a particular way
 - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** a carefully phrased remark
 - I agree with what he says, but I'd have phrased it differently.
 - She phrased the explanation in very simple terms.
 - ~ **sth as sth** Her order was phrased as a suggestion.
- 2. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to divide a piece of music into small groups of notes; to play or sing these in a particular way, especially in an effective way

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | phrase |
| | BrE /ˈfreɪz/ |
| | NAmE /ˈfreɪz/ |
| he / she / it | phrases |
| | BrE /ˈfreɪzɪz/ |
| | NAmE /ˈfreɪzɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | phrased |
| | BrE /ˈfreɪzd/ |
| | NAmE /ˈfreɪzd/ |
| -ing form | phrasing |
| | BrE /ˈfreɪzɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /ˈfreɪzɪŋ/ |

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Example Bank:

- I should have phrased my question differently.
- The concerto's slow movement was beautifully phrased.
- The statement was very carefully phrased.
- I agree with what he says, but I'd have phrased it differently.

phrase

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I. **phrase**¹ **S3 W3** /ˈfreɪz/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: phrasis, from Greek, from phrazein 'to point out, explain, tell']

1. a group of words that have a particular meaning when used together, or which someone uses on a particular occasion:

- Who first used the phrase 'survival of the fittest'?
- Shakespeare's plays are full of well-known phrases.

2. **technical** a group of words without a **finite** verb, especially when they are used to form part of a sentence, such as 'walking along the road' and 'a bar of soap' ⇒ **clause**(2), **sentence**¹(1)

3. a short group of musical notes that is part of a longer piece

⇒ **to coin a phrase** at **coin**²(2), ⇒ **a turn of phrase** at **turn**²(11), ⇒ **turn a phrase** at **turn**¹(20)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- a **famous/well-known phrase** We all hear the phrase "greenhouse gasses", but do you know what it really means?
- a **memorable phrase** Who was it who used that memorable phrase "a monumental error of judgement"?
- a **colourful phrase** (=interesting or rude) His conversation is full of colourful phrases.
- a **well-turned phrase** (=skillfully invented or chosen) She creates lifelike characters with a few well-turned phrases.

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- **phrase** a group of words that have a particular meaning when used together, or which someone uses on a particular occasion:

What was the phrase he used to describe her? | I've never heard of the phrase before. | The President often used the phrase 'War on terror'.

- **expression** a fixed phrase which is used in a language and has a particular meaning: a colloquial expression (=an informal expression used in everyday spoken language) | The old-fashioned expression 'in the family way' means pregnant. | a common English expression | I was absolutely knackered, if you'll pardon the expression (=used when you think someone might be offended by the words you have used).
- **idiom** a group of words that has a special meaning which you cannot guess from the meanings of each separate word: 'Under the weather' is an idiom which means 'ill'.
- **cliché** a phrase that is boring and no longer original because people use it a lot: The phrase 'at the end of the day' has become a real cliché. | There is some truth in the old cliché that time is a great healer.
- **saying/proverb** a well-known phrase that gives advice about life: Do you know the saying 'A problem shared is a problem halved'? | There is an old Chinese proverb which states 'A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step'.
- **slogan** a short phrase that is easy to remember, especially one that is used in advertising: advertising slogans | Protesters were shouting anti-government slogans.
- **motto** a phrase that expresses a person's or organization's beliefs and aims: The school motto was 'Truth and Honour'.

II. phrase² BrEⁿ AmEⁿ verb [transitive]

1. to express something in a particular way:

- " Polly tried to think how to phrase the question.
- " Sorry, I phrased that badly.

2. to perform music in order to produce the full effect of separate musical phrases

phrase

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