

## Use of Noun Phrases

| Sr. No. | Phrase  | Sentence   |
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| 1.      | A bag of bones<br>(An extremely thin person)                  | Her obsession with dieting has made her a bag of bones.  |
| 2.      | A bed of roses<br>(comfortable)                               | Life may seem like a bed of roses for privileged people in our society, but in reality it is not.                                |
| 3.      | A bed of thorns<br>(A difficult thing)                        | During tough times, even the bravest among us may feel like life is nothing but a bed of thorns.                                 |
| 4.      | A beast of burden<br>(an animal used for carrying heavy load) | He is too kind to use an animal as a beast of burden for his luggage.  |
| 5.      | A big gun<br>(A big and important person)                     | China has become a big gun in the exports of goods, with a total export value of \$3.71 trillion in 2022.                        |
| 6.      | A bird of passage<br>(A migratory bird)                       | It would not be wrong to say that he is a bird of passage, given his tendency to switch jobs after only a few months of joining. |

Phrase 7 A bird's eye view

Meaning A brief account

Sentence The mechanic took a bird's eye view of my car's engine and found the fault in it.

8. A black sheep

Meaning A member of a family or a group who is thought to be disgraced to other members of it.

Sentence To establish a fair revenue system, we must eliminate any black sheep within it.

9. Blessing in disguise

Meaning: Something that proves to be fortunate after seeing unfortunate.

Sentence: Failure can be a blessing in disguise, offering opportunities for reflection, growth, and discovery.

10. A blind alley:

Meaning: A narrow street closed at one end

Sentence. To the patients of cancer, life may seem like a blind alley at times.

11. A bolt from the blue

Meaning: A sudden calamity

Sentence: The news of his father's death in the plane crash was a bolt from the blue for him.