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Level III

Phrases

For purposes of consistency when playing GoBack, you can use these definitions for some of the major terms in the phrases. Remember to review levels I and II before playing GoBack. Also, keep your thinking clear: remember that if you learn these things are, you will benefit from it all your life.

**Phrase:** A group of words that does not have a subject and its predicate

**Prepositional phrase:** A phrase beginning with a preposition, used as a modifier

**Appositive:** An interrupting definition.

**Verbal:** A verb form used as a noun, adjective, adverb, or modifier.

**The three kinds of verbals:** Gerunds, participles, and infinitives.

**Gerund:** An –ing verb form used as a noun.

**Participle:** A verb form of various endings used as an adjective.

**Infinitive:** The to- form of the verb, used as a noun or modifier.

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Level IV

Clauses

For purposes of consistency when playing GoBack, you can use these definitions for some of the major terms in the clauses. Be sure to review the definitions from the first three levels.

**Clause:** A group of words that has a subject and its predicate

**Independent clause:** A clause that is a complete thought.

**Dependent clause:** A clause that is not a complete thought, but needs to be connected to an independent clause.

**The four clause structures:** Simple, compound, complex, compound-complex.

**Simple sentence:** A sentence with one independent clause.

**Compound sentence:** A sentence with two or more independent clause.

**Complex sentence:** A sentence with an independent clause attached to a dependent clause.

**Compound-complex sentence:** A sentence with a compound structure and a complex structure.

**The four sentence purposes:** Declarative, imperative, interrogative, exclamatory.

**Declarative sentence:** A sentence that declares or makes a statement.

**Imperative sentence:** A sentence that is imperious, that makes a command.

**Interrogative sentence:** A sentence that interrogates, that asks a question.

**Exclamatory sentence:** A sentence that exclaims, that has an exclamation point.