

## Hmong Noun Phrase - (Answer Key)

Typical sentence structure:

(possessive) + (quantifier) + (classifier) + noun + (adjective) + (demonstrative)

**NOUN:** person, place, thing, animal or abstract idea.

### Circle the NOUNS:

nas/mouse

niam/mother

qub/old

loj/big

ntawv/paper

nroog/village

mus/go

pom/see

menyuam/child

teb/farm

nyiam/like

teeb/light

ntau/many

sia/life

plab/stomach

vaj/garden

kuv/me

txiv/fruit

paj/flower

nyob/reside

Q: Now what's a classifier? And when do we use it?

A: There is no masculine or feminine gender in the Hmong language, but CLASSIFIERS characterizes certain properties of the NOUN .

### Circle the CLASSIFIER in English.

a drop of water

that grain of rice

one cup of milk

a bucket of rocks

the baby's bottle

your piece of pie

going walking

my strip of paper

an ear of corn

a field of corn

CLASSIFIERS are only used before NOUNS. Let's practice!

What CLASSIFIER would you use?

lub tsev(house)

lub tiab(skirt)

rab raim(knife)

leej txiv(father)

tus or tsob ntoo(tree)

tus txiv(husband)

daim nplooj/leaf

lub txiv(fruit)

What NOUNS could you use?

daim \_\_\_\_\_

nkawm \_\_\_\_\_

lub \_\_\_\_\_

sab \_\_\_\_\_

tus \_\_\_\_\_

zaj \_\_\_\_\_

leej \_\_\_\_\_

phau \_\_\_\_\_

Now it's your turn. Using the addition lists of CLASSIFIERS and NOUNS, put some combinations together below.

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