Chapter 16. Phrases

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Phrases (词组 cízū) are composed of two or more words and function as basic elements to construct sentences. According to the parts of speech of the phrasal heads or the structures of the phrases, they can be classified into different categories.

16.1 According to the parts of speech of the phrasal heads, phrases can be classified into the following three categories:

16.1.1 Verb phrases (动词词组 dòngcí cízū)
   a. 学习并讨论 to study and to discuss
   b. 卖票 to sell tickets
   c. 胜利建成 to have built successfully
   d. 干得有点冒失 did this a little imprudently
   e. 废话连篇 nonsense is page after page
   f. 让他去 let him go

*According to their structures, these phrases can also be classified as (a.) coordinate phrase, (b.) verb-object phrase, (c.) adverbial-head phrase, (d.) head-complement phrase, (e.) subject-predicate phrase, and (f.) pivotal phrase. Cf. 16.2.

16.1.2 Adjective phrases (形容词词组 xíngróngcí cízū)
   a. 光荣而伟大 glory and great
   b. 极端自私 extremely selfish
   c. 贵一点 a little expensive
   d. 动作柔和 the movement is smooth

*According to their structures, these phrases can also be classified as (a.) coordinate phrase, (b.) adverbial-head phrase, (c.) head-complement phrase, and (d.) subject-predicate phrase. Cf. 16.2.

16.1.3 Substantive phrases (名词性词组 míngchéixíng cízū)
   a. 他和她 he and she
   b. 爸爸、妈妈和他们的孩子 dad, mom, and their children
   c. 正义的事业 just cause
   d. 古城西安 the ancient city Xi’an
   e. 三十六件 36 pieces
   f. 所引 what is quoted
   g. 吃的 the food
   h. 明天星期天 tomorrow is Sunday

(The following is omitted.)