

Phraseology as a Subsystem  
of language. Free  
Word-Groups and  
Set-Phrases. Phraseological  
Units and Idioms .  
Classification.

- In linguistics, **phraseology** is the study of set or fixed expressions, such as idioms, phrasal verbs, and other types of multi-word lexical units, in which the component parts of the expression take on a meaning more specific than or otherwise not predictable from the sum of their meanings when used independently.



# Distinctive features of phraseological units:

- 1. Integrity (or transference) of meaning;
- 2. Stability (lexical and grammatical)
- 3. Separability
- 4. Expressivity and emotiveness

# Phraseological units

- On the whole phraseological units, even if they present a certain pattern, do not generate new phrases. They are unique. word-group is the largest two-facet lexical unit comprising more than one word but expressing one global concept.



# Set phrases

- A **set phrase** or **fixed phrase** is a phrase whose parts are fixed, even if the phrase could be changed without harming the literal meaning.

# Idioms

- **Idioms** are fixed expressions that are usually not clear or obvious. The expression to feel under the weather, which means to feel unwell is a typical idiom. The words do not tell us what it means, but the context usually helps.



# Two groups of idioms:

- nominal
- verbal

# Classification of idioms

- Grammatical verb + object hold someone's hand [to take care of]
- By meaning verb + preposition phrase rise the eyebrows [to wonder]
- By verb or another key word His fingers are all thumbs [clumsy]. Do you mind my smoking? [object to]



The image features a serene seascape at either dawn or dusk. The sky is a deep, vibrant blue, filled with wispy, white clouds. A soft, golden light emanates from the left side, just above the horizon, creating a gentle gradient across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The ocean itself is a rich, dark blue, with subtle ripples and textures visible across its expanse. Centered in the middle of the frame, the words "The End" are written in a large, clean, white sans-serif font, standing out prominently against the blue background.

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