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Prepositional Phrases (Adjective and Adverb)

• Practice 1

Adjective Phrases A *phrase* is a group of words that functions in a sentence as one part of speech. An *adjective phrase* is a prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun by telling what kind or which one.

Adjectives	Adjective Phrases
These dessert plates are antiques.	These plates <i>for dessert</i> are antiques.
We defeated the <i>Boston</i> team.	We defeated the team <i>from Boston</i> .

Adverb Phrases An *adverb phrase* is a prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb by pointing out where, when, in what manner, or to what extent.

Adverbs	Adverb Phrases
I packed <i>hastily</i> .	I packed <i>with great haste</i> .
The child was <i>irrationally</i> upset.	The child was upset <i>beyond reason</i> .
The band played <i>somewhat</i> louder.	The band played louder <i>to some extent</i> .

Exercise 1 Identifying Adjective Phrases. Underline each adjective phrase in the sentences below. Circle the noun or pronoun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: The maple tree in the back yard is one of my favorite trees.

1. Everyone in the lab completed the experiment on page 30.
2. The new house at the end of the street is nearly finished.
3. The gate in the fence around the estate was padlocked.
4. Tomorrow, the mayor will announce her plans for the new committee.
5. Exchange students from France are visiting a family in our neighborhood.

Exercise 2 Identifying Adverb Phrases. Underline each adverb phrase in the sentence below. Circle the verb, adjective, or adverb it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Without a word to anyone, John walked out of the house.

1. The nervous applicant shifted from one foot to the other.
2. Without any hesitation, Frank stepped to the microphone.
3. No unauthorized personnel were permitted close to the launch pad.
4. After the game, we stopped at the diner on Hudson Street.
5. Hundreds of fans were eager for a glimpse of the star.