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Prepositional Phrases • Practice 1

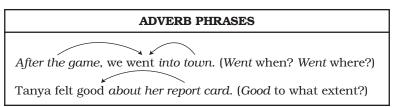
Adjective Phrases A phrase is a group of words, without a subject and verb, that acts as one part of speech. An adjective phrase is a prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun by telling what kind or which one.



The woman with the tan briefcase is the mayor. (Which woman?)

We have always liked the big house on the hill. (Which house?)

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.



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

EXAMPLE: Someone should water the flower (bed) in the front yard.

- 1. Only one of us can play the guitar.
- 2. Several houses on our street have decks.
- 3. Each student will write a report about a different capital.
- 4. Louise gave a surprise party for Mary.
- 5. My grandmother collects teacups from different countries.
- 6. The bike in the shop window is expensive.
- 7. The only difference between Gerri and her twin sister is their names.
- 8. Someone just bought that empty lot down the street.
- 9. Eddy made a statue of a bird.
- 10. The top of the wall is barbed wire.

Exercise 2 Identifying Adverb Phrases. Underline the adverb phrase in each sentence below. Circle the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: After our long workout, we collapsed.

- 1. This coupon is good for another month.
- 2. Our next-door neighbors moved to New Mexico.
- 3. After all your hard work, you deserve a vacation.
- 4. With your help, I finished the job.
- 5. After high school, my sister became a computer programmer.
- 6. We arrived at the theater early.
- 7. With only slight hesitation, Diane approached the microphone.
- 8. Peter quickly slipped under the gate.
- 9. Outside the theater a large crowd watched the arriving celebrities.
- 10. We sometimes drive far into the country.
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