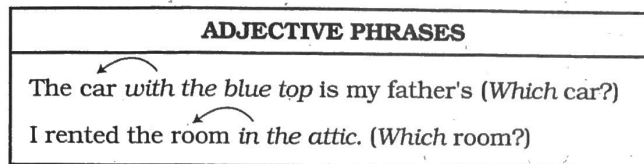


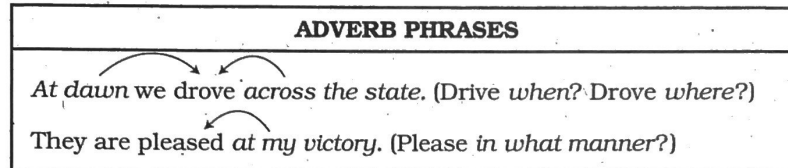
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Prepositional Phrases • Practice 1

Prepositional Phrases That Act as Adjectives A phrase is a group of words, without a subject and verb, that functions in a sentence as a single part of speech. An adjective phrase is a prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun.



Prepositional Phrases That Act as Adverbs 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 each adjective phrase in the sentences below and circle the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: I bought a lamp with a red shade.

- I ordered a pancake with maple syrup.
- A book without any illustration may be very interesting.
- This is the new road to the state park.
- The sound of the rain on the roof is very loud.
- Mimi just read a book about Winston Churchill.
- The winter coat in the closet no longer fits.
- An investigator uncovered a file of important papers.
- Strawberries with cream is grandmother's favorite.
- When did the car in the driveway arrive?
- I just lost my list of errands.

Exercise 2 Identifying Adverb Phrases. Underline each adverb phrase and circle the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: In the breadbox you will find three rolls.

- The heavy snow stopped in the late morning.
- The teacher was disturbed at Bob's attitude.
- Without their help we could never have finished the job.
- The entire trial was completed in two weeks.
- My parents left for their vacation a week later.
- At two the post office reopened for business.
- Foolishly, the fullback charged into Southside's huge line.
- In a year a new bridge was built.
- Yes, I certainly am ready for a good lunch.
- Our basketball team practiced late into the night.

20.1**Prepositional Phrases • Practice 2**

Exercise 1 **Identifying Adjective Phrases.** Each of the following sentences contains at least one prepositional phrase used as an adjective. Underline each adjective phrase and draw an arrow pointing from it to the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: The room in the back is very damp.

1. Mr. Suarez bought a new car with a sun roof.
2. The book about Eleanor Roosevelt is inspiring.
3. Mary is the supervisor of all the nurses.
4. The house near the top of the hill has been sold.
5. The tree in the corner of the yard is a weeping cherry.
6. This is the way to the shopping mall.
7. The autographed picture of Reggie Jackson is one of my treasures.
8. The carton of eggs at the bottom of the bag has been crushed.
9. The captain of the precinct gave a talk about gun control.
10. The front steps of many houses in Baltimore are white marble.

Exercise 2 **Identifying Adverb Phrases.** Each sentence contains at least one prepositional phrase used as an adverb. Underline each adverb phrase and draw an arrow pointing from it to the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: With increasing excitement she read the last chapter.

1. Our scout troop hiked through the forest.
2. At the traffic light, the road curves to the left.
3. They arrived early in the day.
4. Susan is upset about her science grades.
5. At the zoo many kinds of animals live in harmony.