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## Prepositional Phrases • Practice 1

**Prepositional Phrases That Act as Adjectives** A phrase is a group of words, without a subject or 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.

ADJECTIVE PHRASES
The car <u>with the blue top</u> is my father's. (Which car?)
I rented the room <u>in the attic</u> . (Which room?)

**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.

ADVERB PHRASES
At dawn we drove <u>across the state</u> . (Drive when? Drove where?)
They are pleased <u>at my victory</u> . (Please in what manner?)

**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.