

## Adjective and Adverb Phrases A

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, circle the word or words that the underlined prepositional phrase modifies. Then, identify the phrase by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective phrase* or *ADV* for *adverb phrase*.

**Example 1.** <sup>ADV</sup> Throughout the night, water from the ceiling annoyingly dripped into the bucket.

1. Sonya is good at soccer.
2. Raphael enjoys reading articles about early space exploration.
3. Throughout the spring, Archimedes spent much time fishing.
4. The young cheetah quietly crouched behind the tall, yellow grass.
5. Herbert watched an informative video on the air battles of World War II.

**EXERCISE B** In each of the following sentences, underline each prepositional phrase. Then, identify the phrase by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective phrase* or *ADV* for *adverb phrase*.

**Example 1.** The store <sup>ADJ</sup> on the corner was damaged <sup>ADV</sup> during a severe hailstorm.

6. The day before Memorial Day, Henry visited his grandfather for two hours.
7. With great skill, the doctor removed several tiny shards of glass.
8. Elizabeth's essay about England during Victorian times earned her an A.
9. During the celebration of Mom's birthday, Uncle Jimmy told hilarious jokes for a whole hour.
10. Helga's cousin from New Orleans waited in the living room.
11. The cost of the new bridge went beyond the previous estimate.
12. The skateboard was too expensive for Li.
13. Before an evening of relaxation, Erin likes jogging for an hour.
14. That boy with a broken leg had been injured during a soccer game.
15. On the beach of the tiny island, the castaways constructed a hut of leaves and grass.

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## Prepositional Phrases Used as Adjectives and Adverbs

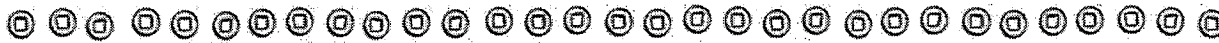
A prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun is functioning as an **adjective phrase**. Remember that adjectives tell *what kind, how many, or which one*.

A prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb is functioning as an **adverb phrase**. Remember that adverbs tell *how, when, where, how often, and to what extent*.

*Examples:*

The whale *with the unusual markings* is our favorite.  
(adjective phrase; tells which whale)

The whales in the water park show performed *with ease*.  
(adverb phrase; tells how)



**Underline the adjective phrase in each sentence. Write the word it modifies.**

1. Horseshoe crabs resemble hard hats with long tails. \_\_\_\_\_
2. They are close relatives of spiders. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The mouth of the horseshoe crab is well hidden. \_\_\_\_\_
4. It is an opening underneath the crab's body. \_\_\_\_\_



**Underline the adverb phrase in each sentence. Write the word(s) it modifies.**

5. Whales are the largest mammals that live on the Earth. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Whales behave with great intelligence. \_\_\_\_\_
7. A whale must breathe air through its lungs. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Whales can dive for long periods. \_\_\_\_\_



**Underline each prepositional phrase. Then, circle ADJ for adjective phrases or ADV for adverb phrases.**

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| 9. One rock sample from the moon is 4,720 million years old.                       | ADJ | ADV |
| 10. The rock was collected by the Apollo space mission.                            | ADJ | ADV |
| 11. The daytime temperature on the lunar equator is 243°F.                         | ADJ | ADV |
| 12. A black hole is formed by a star's complete collapse.                          | ADJ | ADV |
| 13. About 150 meteorites from space pound the Earth each year.                     | ADJ | ADV |
| 14. An Alaskan, Mrs. E. H. Hodges, is the only person hurt by a falling meteorite. | ADJ | ADV |