

## The Adverb Phrase

**5d.** A prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb is called an **adverb phrase**.

An **adverb phrase** tells *how, when, where, why, or to what extent (how long, how many, how much, or how far)*.

**EXAMPLES** We completed the science project **before the deadline**. [The adverb phrase modifies the verb *completed*, telling *when*.]

We were happy **with the results**. [The adverb phrase modifies the adjective *happy*, telling *how*.]

We had worked diligently **for a week**. [The adverb phrase modifies the adverb *diligently*, telling *to what extent*.]

An adverb phrase may come before or after the word it modifies. In each of the following examples, the adverb phrase modifies the verb *learned*.

**EXAMPLES** **From our research** we learned many facts about the solar system.

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More than one adverb phrase may modify the same word.

**EXAMPLE** **On Friday** we presented our work **to our teacher**. [Both adverb phrases modify the verb *presented*.]

**EXERCISE** In each of the following sentences, underline the adverb phrase or phrases. Then, circle the word or words that each adverb phrase modifies.

**Example 1.** During the summer, Carlie went to Italy and Spain.

1. Terra walked across the street.
2. Throughout next month, the band will perform at the fair.
3. Before Sunday, please clean your room.
4. Mr. Monroe has lived on Mason Street for twenty-two years.
5. Jason was pleased with his grades.
6. For several hours, a cool wind blew from the east.
7. Mrs. Green teaches history through books, magazines, and videos.
8. The boys dipped their feet into the cool, soothing water.
9. Please complete your project by Friday.
10. A quiet stillness reigned at the school throughout spring break.

# Adjective and Adverb Phrases A

**5c.** A prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or a pronoun is called an **adjective phrase**.

An **adjective phrase** tells *what kind* or *which one*.

**EXAMPLE** What do you think influences the changes **in hairstyles**? [The adjective phrase modifies the noun *changes*, telling *what kind*.]

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**EXAMPLE** Why do you think some hairstyles remain popular **for only a short time**? [The adverb phrase modifies the adjective *popular*, telling *to what extent*.]

**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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## Adjective and Adverb Phrases B

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**EXAMPLE** A glider is an aircraft **with no engine**. [The adjective phrase modifies the noun *aircraft*, telling *what kind*.]

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**EXAMPLE** The chef seasoned the casserole **with garlic, pepper, and thyme**. [The adverb phrase modifies the verb *seasoned*, telling *how*.]

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

**Example 1.** Elaine was unhappy <sup>ADV</sup> with the predictable movie plot.

- The house beyond that hill belongs to Mrs. Wilton.
- The woman in the business suit is giving out free tickets.
- Carl plays piano well for a beginner.
- The most exciting game of the season occurred last night.
- Before noon, please complete your projects.

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

**Example 1.** With a mighty toss <sup>ADV</sup>, Philip launched the paper airplane into the sky <sup>ADV</sup>.

- The scientists watched with satisfaction as the probe flew into space.
- On October 21, the mayor of the city spoke at the convention center.
- The tower behind the temple was constructed over a ten-year period.
- At malls, people with clipboards sometimes give shoppers surveys.
- Frank rode his bike over the rough trails and hills of Pete's Peak.
- On Friday, Lisa watched a show about the Maya.
- A Spanish galleon from the sixteenth century was discovered off the coast.
- Over the weekend, Adele enjoyed the crisp air of the Rocky Mountains.
- Mr. James is good at basketball.
- For his birthday, Jose wants a red convertible with a black top.