

## Adjective and Adverb Phrases

A **prepositional phrase** is made up of a preposition and a noun or pronoun, called the object of the preposition. These phrases function either as adjectives by modifying nouns and pronouns, or as adverbs by modifying verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

An **adjective phrase** is a prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or pronoun by telling what kind or which one.

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| Examples: | The tepee <u>of</u> buffalo hide was sturdy.             | (what kind of tepee?) |
|           | The decoration <u>on</u> the hide was painted carefully. | (which decoration?)   |
|           | The opening <u>in</u> the front was narrow.              | (which opening?)      |

An **adverb phrase** is a prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb by pointing out where, when, in what way (how), or to what extent.

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| Examples: | We sat <u>on</u> the park bench.               | (sat where?)      |
|           | He should arrive <u>within</u> the hour.       | (arrive when?)    |
|           | Will you dance <u>with</u> me?                 | (in what way?)    |
|           | Except for the border, the quilt was finished. | (to what extent?) |

**A.** Circle the adverb or adjective phrase in each sentence, then tell what kind it is.

1. Walt scored fourteen points in twenty minutes.  
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2. The carpenter slipped off the ladder.  
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3. The Mardi Gras parade goes along Canal Street.  
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4. Ms. Reyes solved the problem about your claim.  
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5. The tape pulled a patch of paint from the wall.  
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6. Many of the viewers responded to the poll.  
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7. The information in the ad was incorrect.  
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8. In summer we eat dinner on the porch.  
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9. The bank served coffee to the customers in line.  
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10. The paper with no title belongs to me.  
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11. During the bus ride I talked with my seat mate.  
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12. The dime slipped between the slats of the boardwalk.  
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13. Gold and silver jewelry rose sharply in price.  
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14. Two of the candidates withdrew after the first primary.  
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15. Few of the landlords live on the premises.  
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16. The watchdog slept under the counter.  
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17. People in street shoes aren't allowed in the gym.  
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18. At the party Ed danced only with Sue.  
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19. The country of Burma isolates itself from the West.  
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20. Nobody but Sue could think of a plan like that.  
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**B.** Write five ORIGINAL sentences with adverb phrases and five with adjective phrases. You will have 10 ORIGINAL sentences.