

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*.

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

Examples:	We sat <u>on the park bench</u> .	(sat where?)
	He should arrive <u>within the hour</u> .	(arrive when?)
	Will you dance <u>with me</u> ?	(in what way?)
	<u>Except for the border</u> , 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. _____
2. The carpenter slipped off the ladder. _____
3. The Mardi Gras parade goes along Canal Street. _____
4. Ms. Reyes solved the problem about your claim. _____
5. The tape pulled a patch of paint from the wall. _____
6. Many of the viewers responded to the poll. _____
7. The information in the ad was incorrect. _____
8. In summer we eat dinner on the porch. _____
9. The bank served coffee to the customers in line. _____
10. The paper with no title belongs to me. _____
11. During the bus ride I talked with my seat mate. _____
12. The dime slipped between the slats of the boardwalk. _____
13. Gold and silver jewelry rose sharply in price. _____
14. Two of the candidates withdrew after the first primary. _____
15. Few of the landlords live on the premises. _____
16. The watchdog slept under the counter. _____
17. People in street shoes aren't allowed in the gym. _____
18. At the party Ed danced only with Sue. _____
19. The country of Burma isolates itself from the West. _____
20. Nobody but Sue could think of a plan like that. _____

B. Write five ORIGINAL sentences with adverb phrases and five with adjective phrases. You will have 10 ORIGINAL sentences.