



## The Simple Sentence: **Preposition, Gerund, and Absolute Phrases**

### Practice 1

Based on [the lesson about phrases](#), identify the prepositional, gerund, and participle phrases in the sentences below. A sentence may have more than one phrase or prepositional phrase.

Examples:

**Item 1.** John's desk is in the back.

**Answer.** Prepositional phrase: in the back

**Item 2.** That woman wearing the blue dress is our teacher.

**Answer.** Gerund phrase: wearing the blue dress

**Item 3.** Desperate for attention, the child started crying.

**Answer.** Absolute phrase: desperate for attention

When you are finished, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

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1. The selfish boy ate the whole box of chocolates by himself.

**Phrase(s):**

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2. The woman wearing the blue dress is my English teacher.

**Phrase(s):**

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3. Considering their busy schedules, it is surprising how often they socialize with friends.

**Phrase(s):**

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4. The room facing the lake has the most beautiful view.

**Phrase(s):**

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5. Having studied the language for only 5 years, Susan can speak and write Japanese very well.

**Phrase(s):**

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## Answer Key

1. The selfish boy ate the whole box of chocolates by himself.

**Prepositional phrase:** [of chocolates](#)

**Prepositional phrase:** [by himself](#)

2. The woman wearing the blue dress is my English teacher.

**Participle phrase:** [wearing the blue dress](#)

3. Considering their busy schedules, it is surprising how often they socialize with friends.

**Absolute phrase:** [Considering their busy schedules](#)

**Prepositional phrase:** [with their friends](#)

4. The room facing the lake has the best view of the sunset.

**Participle phrase:** [facing the lake](#)

**Prepositional Phrase:** [of the sunset](#)

5. Having studied the language for only 5 years, Susan can speak and write Japanese very well.

**Absolute phrase:** [having studied the language for only 5 years](#)

**Prepositional phrase:** [for only 5 years](#)

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