



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.

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

Phrase(s):

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

Phrase(s):

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

Phrase(s):

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

Phrase(s):

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

Phrase(s):

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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