



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. Working in the hot sun can make you very thirsty.

Phrase(s):

2. Put the box under the table next to the door.

Phrase(s):

3. The tornado hit the downtown area, causing millions of dollars in damage.

Phrase(s):

4. It takes the Earth 365 days to go around the Sun once.

Phrase(s):

5. The skier fell off a short cliff, breaking his leg in the process.

Phrase(s):

Answer Key

1. Working in the hot sun can make you very thirsty.

Gerund phrase: [working in the hot sun](#)

Prepositional phrase: [in the hot sun](#)

2. Put the box under the table next to the door.

Prepositional phrase: [under the table](#)

Prepositional phrase: [next to the door](#)

3. The tornado hit the downtown area, causing millions of dollars in damage.

Absolute phrase: [causing millions of dollars in damage](#)

Prepositional phrase: [of dollars](#)

Prepositional phrase: [in damage](#)

4. It takes the Earth 365 days to go around the Sun once.

Prepositional phrase: [around the sun](#)

5. The skier fell off a short cliff, breaking his leg in the process.

Absolute phrase: [breaking his leg in the process](#)

Prepositional phrase: [in the process](#)

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