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