

Review A: Phrases

EXERCISE A Underline the prepositional phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, identify the phrase by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective phrase* or *ADV* for *adverb phrase*.

Example 1. Have you ever been very nervous ^{*ADV*} before a test or an examination?

1. During a test I used to become nervous or upset.
2. My mother discussed this with me last spring.
3. I had become quite upset about my final exams.
4. I had become very tense, and I had lost much of my appetite.
5. One day my mother sat down and explained the value of a little anxiety.
6. Although she was concerned, she talked very calmly about test taking.
7. Too much worry, she told me, is unhealthy for anyone.
8. No one in that situation can perform well.
9. Too much worry about a test can prevent clear thinking.
10. Her explanation of stress and anxiety was very helpful.

EXERCISE B In each of the following sentences, underline the verbal phrase. Then, identify the phrase by writing above it *PART* for *participial phrase*, *GER* for *gerund phrase*, or *INF* for *infinitive phrase*.

Example 1. Are you afraid ^{*INF*} to swim in deep water?

11. Many people never learn to stay afloat in the water.
12. Some of them, fearing the water, stay away from it.
13. Others, however, try again and again to become good swimmers.
14. Eventually some succeed in mastering the basic technique.
15. My sister, for instance, can now swim after spending many years in classes.
16. Undaunted by past failures, she would enroll in a new class each fall.
17. In class, she would cling to the side of the pool, kicking her feet.
18. Standing in shallow water, she would then practice her arm movements.
19. In deep water, though, she sometimes ended by paddling slowly to the side.
20. Then she would work up her nerve to begin again.