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Adjective and Adverb Phrases

3d. A prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or a pronoun is called an **adjective phrase**.

EXAMPLE The woman **in the seat next to Mr. Holt** is our guest speaker. [*In the seat* modifies the noun *woman*, and *next to Mr. Holt* modifies the noun *seat*.]

3e. A prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb is called an **adverb phrase**.

EXAMPLE **During spring break** we traveled **to Washington, D.C.** [Both prepositional phrases modify the verb *traveled*.]

EXERCISE A In the following sentences, draw an arrow from each underlined prepositional phrase to the word or words it modifies. Then, identify the phrase by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective phrase* or *ADV* for *adverb phrase*.

Example 1. On Tuesday our science class took a field trip to the planetarium.
ADV → *ADJ*

- On the first night, the hikers camped near the Salinas River.
- Most of this artwork was created by ninth-grade students.
- Everyone I have met at my new school has been extremely kind to me.
- Throughout the summer, I worked as a landscape gardener.
- For dinner we will serve baked chicken with red beans and rice.

EXERCISE B Underline the two prepositional phrases in each of the following sentences. Draw an arrow from each phrase to the word or words it modifies. Then, identify each phrase by writing above it *ADJ* for *adjective phrase* or *ADV* for *adverb phrase*.

Example 1. Scott works at the pet shop in the mall.
ADV → *ADJ*

- Near the entrance to the cave, we discovered an old map.
- The movie's ending took everyone in the theater by surprise.
- What are some of the differences between the African elephant and the Asian elephant?
- According to this recipe, the casserole should be baked for thirty minutes.
- All of these lovely quilts were made by hand.
- The development of the Internet has changed our lives in many ways.
- Through the telescope we could see clearly the rings around Saturn.
- In the living room, Sam chased the kitten around the couch.
- After sunset is there still enough light for photography?
- Austin, Texas, has been the capital both of a state and of a country.