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Verbal Phrases B

- 3g.** A **participial phrase** is used as an adjective and consists of a participle and any complements or modifiers the participle has.
- 3i.** A **gerund phrase** consists of a gerund and any modifiers or complements the gerund has. The entire phrase is used as a noun.
- 3k.** An **infinitive phrase** consists of an infinitive and any modifiers or complements the infinitive has. The entire phrase can be used as a noun, an adjective, or an adverb.

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

Example 1. A few months ago, I began ^{*GER*} looking for a hobby.

- I needed a hobby to fill my extra time.
- I made several attempts to find a hobby that was right for me.
- Finding an enjoyable hobby was not easy.
- Impressed by my sister's enthusiasm for macramé, I decided to take it up as a hobby.
- However, getting all knotted up wasn't for me.

EXERCISE B Underline the verbal phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, identify the function of each phrase by writing above it *N* for *noun*, *ADJ* for *adjective*, or *ADV* for *adverb*.

Example 1. ^{*N*} Washing the dishes took only a few minutes.

- Maxine gets her exercise by dancing at least three hours a week.
- To pass the time, Eddie makes model ships for his friends.
- I watched the carpenter repairing our roof.
- Yolanda went to get her book.
- The man pushing that grocery cart is my karate instructor.
- Winning the contest was a thrill for our cheerleaders.
- We went to the theater to see a new play.
- Richard's job is delivering groceries to the hospital.
- Tired of the noise outside, we closed the windows.
- Preparing for that test took several hours.