

# ADJECTIVE PHRASES

A prepositional phrase that modifies a noun or a pronoun is called **an adjective phrase**. A prepositional phrase may be used as an **adjective** telling, which or what kind, and modifying a noun or pronoun.

**An adjective prepositional phrase** will come right after the noun or pronoun that it modifies. If there are two adjective prepositional phrases together, one will follow the other. Only adjective prepositional phrases modify the object of the preposition in another prepositional phrase.

## EXAMPLES:

- Someone **from the Mercy Corps** gave a presentation **about disaster preparedness**. (*From the Mercy Corps* modifies the pronoun *Someone*. *About disaster preparedness* modifies the noun *presentation*.)
- Some **of the carved wood figures in my aunt's collection** are **by Hopi artisans**. (Of the carved wood figures modifies Some and tells which ones. In my aunt's collection modifies figures and tells which ones. By Hopi artisans also modifies Some and tells what kinds.)

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**EXERCISE:** Underline the *ADJECTIVE PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES* in each of the following sentences.

1. My favorite writer of science fiction is Ray Bradbury.
2. The furnace in your basement is nothing compared to the furnace that heats the earth.
3. I remember Grandmother when I smell freshly baked bread with butter.
4. A student from Mr. Richard's class won first prize.
5. The play of the sunlight on the water was a beautiful sight.
6. The house on the corner of Main and Elm has been abandoned.
7. Tiny packets of energy called photons can spend over a million years escaping the sun.
8. I miss my Grandmother. I can almost see her wearing her dress with the roses.
9. From the ground, the sun appears yellow and the sky over our heads seems blue.
10. Somebody with feet of large proportions has scuffed the gym floor.
11. Susan mowed the area around the trunk of the tree.
12. Sunlight is actually white, but when it passes through earth's atmosphere, the blue portion of the light gets scattered.
13. Heat and light from the sun should last for another five billion years.
14. The directions for the assignment confused Jason.
15. Hydrogen atoms collide in the core of the sun and combine to make helium.

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