

ADVERB PHRASES

A prepositional phrase that modifies a verb, an adjective, or an adverb is called an **adverb phrase**. A **prepositional phrase** may be used as an **adverb** telling how, when, where, how much, and why and modifying the verb and sometimes an adjective.

**Adverb prepositional phrases** can come anywhere in the sentence and can be moved within the sentence without changing the meaning.

**EXAMPLES:** • **After school** I rode my bicycle **to the neighborhood park**.

(The adverb phrases **After school** and **to the neighborhood park** modify the verb **rode**.)

• **Early** on that cold, gray morning the ship left the harbor.

(The adverb phrase **on that cold, gray morning** modifies the adverb **Early**.)

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

1. Any part-time job can be helpful for the future.
2. After practice, we can finish changing the oil in your car.
3. Throughout next month, the band will perform at the fair.
4. The boys dipped their feet into the cool, soothing water.
5. How many books will still look new after this year's classes?
6. Students may find career-related jobs in a vocational catalogue.
7. Mr. Monroe has lived on Mason Street for twenty-two years.
8. We watched the huge owl perched high in the pine tree.
9. A student who wants to study veterinary medicine could work for a local veterinarian.
10. Mrs. Green teaches history through books, magazines, and videos.
11. Jarod moved the desks out of their rows into small clusters of four or five.
12. None of the departments is receiving interoffice mail this afternoon after 2:00 P.M.
13. Heat and light from the sun should last for another five billion years.
14. A quiet stillness reigned at the school throughout spring break.
15. Students who hope to practice law could volunteer at the attorney general's office.

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