

**Objectives**

Students will:

1. Identify three types of phrases: prepositional (adjective and adverb); verbal (principle, gerund, and infinitive); and appositive.
2. Correctly place and punctuate phrases when writing sentences.

**Lesson Lead**

Critical Thinking Skill: Comprehension

Write three gerund phrases. Example: *Washing the car takes time.***Answers****Exercise 1** page 492*(Words in parentheses are those the prepositional phrases modify.)*

1. of Isaac Newton, Adj. (physics); for two centuries, Adv. (unchallenged)
2. on the corner, Adj. (house); of Eleventh and Poplar, Adj. (corner); to the ground, Adv. (burned)
3. of mythology, Adj. (beast); with a horn, Adj. (beast); in the center, Adj. (horn); of its forehead, Adj. (center)
4. by a bear, Adv. (wounded); for dead, Adv. (left); by his companions, Adv. (left); over 400 miles, Adv. (crawled); across the prairie, Adv. (crawled)
5. of the skillet, Adj. (bottom); with burnt chili, Adv. (was covered); for several hours, Adv. (soak); with sand, Adv. (scour)
6. For years, Adv. (have wanted); with stained glass windows, gables, and a cupola, Adj. (house)
7. near Buckingham Palace, Adj. (streets); to Victoria Station, Adv. (leads); to Westminster Cathedral, Adv. (close)
8. in spite of the drizzle, Adv. (went);

under umbrellas, Adv. (huddled); over their heads, Adv. (held)

9. across the Gulf of Mexico, Adv. (moved); toward the Texas coastal towns, Adv. (moved); about the potential dangers, Adv. (warned)
10. of the most ancient, Adj. (one); of religions, Adj. (ancient); of the most complex, Adj. (one); of its adherents, Adj. (many); in India, Adv. (live)

**Exercise 2** page 494*(Parenthetical words are those that the arrows from the listed words point to.)*

1. seriously flawed (diamond)
2. dreaming perhaps that it was chasing rabbits (dog)
3. not having been used for two years (truck)
4. Searching for the mythical Bonaventura River (Jed Smith)
5. written over a period of thirty years (*Finnegan's Wake*)
6. plagued by arthritis that kept it from lifting its feet from the damp straw (elephant)
7. ruined by the mice (flour), infested with weevils (corn meal)
8. covered with sleet and snow (highways); sweeping in from the northwest (storm)
9. Determined to get the best from his students (Mr. Boseman)
10. Having studied English at a private school in Hong Kong (student)

**Exercise 3** page 496

1. a dog's finding its way across many miles to be reunited with its owner
2. journeying for weeks or even months over strange territory

3. an animal's acting strangely
4. A dog's eerie howling; a cat's sudden spitting and bristling
5. refusing to cross a bridge or stretch of road that offered unseen danger
6. admitting a belief in animal ESP
7. experimenting with ESP
8. Findings by Duke's scientists and researchers; the scoffing of cynics
9. Serious Russian experimenting with ESP
10. Learning to use and control this power; continued researching in the field

**Exercise 4** page 498

*(The underscored words in sentences a and b are sometimes called infinitive clauses, since both the subject of the infinitive and the infinitive are necessary to convey the author's meaning. In both sentences the infinitive functions as a noun.)*

1. a person to wake up on time—noun
2. the person to throw the contraption out the nearest window—noun
3. to fly in balloons—noun; to be guided by eagles or vultures—adjective
4. to wear specially designed little corsets—noun
5. to be turned into a rope—adverb; to help you escape from a burning building—adjective
6. to grate and slice food—adverb; to trap mice and flies—adverb
7. to work while relaxing—noun; to churn butter—adverb
8. to produce dimples—adverb
9. to convince people you are mannerly—adverb; to tip itself—adverb
10. to jump out of windows—noun; to hurl themselves from cliffs—noun; to attach to the head—adjective; to absorb the shock of landing—adjective

**Exercise 5** page 499

*(Words in parentheses are nouns the appositive phrases modify.)*

1. a fruit often mistakenly classified as a vegetable (tomato)
2. the world's most glamorous swine (Miss Piggy)
3. the star that is nearest our own sun (Alpha Centauri)
4. a mystical set of Persians (The Sufis)
5. an epic poem by John Milton (*Paradise Lost*)
6. the winged horse of mythology (Pegasus)
7. a deceptively innocent-seeming elderly woman who often knits while thinking out a murder case (Miss Jane Marple)
8. the highest scoring player in the game (Sidney Moncreif)
9. a pseudoscience that claimed a person's character was indicated by the bumps of the skull (Phrenology)
10. an odious mixture of corn syrup and peanut butter (Updoc)

**Review** page 501

1. Henry's only son (App.), at the age (Adv.), of nine (Adj.)
2. having been weakened (Part.), by illnesses (Adv.), dying in his fifteenth year (Part.), in his fifteenth year (Adv.)
3. Before his death (Adv.), forbidding his two half-sisters (Part.) to rule (Inf.)
4. to agree (Inf.), to this (Adv.), of beheading (Adv.), beheading anyone (Ger.)
5. to his cousin (Adv.), Lady Jane Grey (App.), of England's most pathetic victims (Adj.), in the long power struggle (Adj.)
6. lasting only nine days (Part.), in her imprisonment and death (Adv.)
7. Mary of Scotland (App.), of Scotland (Adj.), accusing Jane Grey and her relatives (Part.), of treason (Adv.), against the rightful heir (Adj.)
8. later nicknamed "Bloody Mary" (Part.), only a sixteen-year-old girl (App.), of her relatives (Adj.), to the executioner's block (Adv.)
9. In addition (Adv.), a religious fanatic

- (App.) to be burned (Inf.) at the stake (Adv.)
10. Like her brother (Adj.), in ill health (Adj.), suffering from a mysterious malady (Part.), from a mysterious malady (Adv.), in the fifth year (Adv.), of her reign (Adj.)
  11. Mary's half-sister and the next queen (App.), to intrigue and violence (Adj.)
  12. Elizabeth's mother (App.), by Elizabeth's father (Adv.), to produce a son (Inf.), for him (Adv.)
  13. During Bloody Mary's brief reign (Adv.), to prison (Adv.), to the headsman's block (Adj.)
  14. at the age (Adv.), of twenty-five (Adj.), perhaps the strongest queen (App.), in English history (Adv.)
  15. to their sorrow (Adv.), to plot (Inf.), against her (Adv.)
  16. Condemning people (Ger.), to death (Adv.), to Queen Elizabeth (Adv.), of it (Adv.)
  17. Seeing her power menaced (Part.), by her cousin (Adv.), Mary Queen of Scots (App.), of Scots (Adj.)
  18. Near the end (Adv.), of her long life (Adj.), in love (Adv.), with a much younger man (Adv.) the Earl of Essex (App.), of Essex (Adj.)
  19. treason against the queen (App.), against the queen (Adj.), attempting to seize power (Part.), to seize power (Inf.), from her (Adv.)
  20. to the tower prison (Adv.), to death (Adv.)
1. The novel, the story of a Polish girl who survived a Nazi concentration camp, was nominated for the National Book Award.
  2. Slipping from my hands, the book dropped to the floor and bounced down the stairs.
  3. C

4. Bill Cosby, the well-known comedian, earned a doctor's degree in education.
5. Pedro trained for his ambitious goal, to compete in the 1984 Olympics.

*(Answers may vary.)*

1. The school sends a news sheet to each new student in order to provide them with essential information.
2. We ate a dessert called "Idiot's Delight" which my cousin made.
3. I watched the hogs lying ear-deep in mud and contentedly chewing garbage.
4. Rummaging under the sofa cushions, I found a dime, two pennies, and four pencils.
5. By not reading the instructions on the box, I put the bicycle together incorrectly.

*(Answers may vary.)*

1. A large snapping turtle, nearly a foot across, sat hissing and shaking its head back and forth right in our path.
2. The musical comedy, created in the nineteenth century, is one of America's contributions to the world of theatre.
3. Up until the very last second of the game with Texas A. and M., our team remained within one point of winning.
4. C
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6. Disgusted by poor grades, the teacher gave the test again.
7. I saw several ancient mummies while I was touring the museum.
8. While riding my motorcycle, I hit a cow, but I luckily escaped injury.
9. Completely upsetting the sportscasters' predictions, Marcia Redhawk won the tournament.
10. Looking through the microscope, I saw germs that appeared large and ugly.