

Class 5 Kinds of Phrases chapter 9

A. Pick out the adjective phrases from the following sentences:

1. The books, displayed in the glass case, are very valuable.

A. displayed in the glass case (qualifies 'books')

2. The bird, singing so sweetly, is a nightingale.

A. singing so sweetly (qualifies 'bird')

3. The circus, camping in the middle of the town, will soon go away.

A. camping in the middle of the town (qualifies 'circus')

4. We saw a crocodile lying in the sun.

A. lying in the sun (qualifies 'crocodile')

5. The king's palace, built of marble, stood on the top of a hill.

A. built of marble (qualifies 'palace')

6. The horses, wild and free, roamed all over the land.

A. wild and free (qualifies 'horses')

7. The bus, carrying passengers from one village to another, will stop here.

A. carrying passengers from one village to another (qualifies 'bus')

8. The men, tired after the day's work, were sitting round the fire and chatting.

A. tired after the (day's) work (qualifies 'men')

9. The cold wind, blowing from the north, made everybody shiver.

A. blowing from the north (qualifies 'wind')

10. The city, devastated by the fire, has to be rebuilt as soon as possible.

A. devastated by the fire (qualifies 'city')

11. The explorer showed us a strange box, carved of ivory and set with precious stones.

A. carved of ivory (qualifies 'box'); set with precious stones (qualifies 'box')

12. The marketplace was full of people, dressed in richly coloured clothes.

A.full of people (subjective complement – describes ‘market’); dressed in richly coloured clothes (qualifies ‘people’)

13. These books, dealing with mathematical problems, belong to Raj.

A.dealing with mathematical problems (qualifies ‘books’)

14. The painting, hanging on the wall, is by a famous artist.

A.hanging on the wall (qualifies ‘painting’)

15. Boys, studying in different schools, will join the adventure camp.

A.studying in different schools (qualifies ‘Boys’)

B.Pick out the adverb phrases from the following sentences:

1. The doctor examined the patient with great care.

A.with great care (manner)

2. The patient was waiting in a room of the hospital.

A.in a room of the hospital (place)

3. We were building sandcastles on the wind-swept beach.

A.on the wind-swept beach (place)

4. If you do something in a hurry, you will always make a mistake.

A.in a hurry (manner)

5. The boy ran as fast as the wind, but could not catch the thief.

A.as fast as the wind (manner)

6. Though he shouted at the top of his voice, nobody could hear him because of the loud music.

A.at the top of his voice (manner); because of the loud music (reason)

7. A large crowd had gathered in the hall in order to listen to the speaker.

A.in the hall (place); in order to listen to the speaker (reason)

8. The villagers expected the flood waters to recede in a month's time.

A.in a month's time (time)

9. Please do not leave paper plates and glasses scattered all over the place after the picnic. Pick everything up and put them in the dustbin,' said mother.

A.all over the place (place); after the picnic (time); in the dustbin (place)

10. The rowers rowed their hearts out, but could not overtake the other boat.

A.their hearts out (manner)

11. It was raining in the morning.

A.in the morning (time)

12. Guards were posted all round the building to protect the minister.

A.all round the building (place); to protect the minister (reason)

13. We shall come on Thursday, if possible.

A.on Thursday (time); if possible (condition)

14. Do not put all your eggs in the same basket.

A.in the same basket (place)

15. The patient was advised to have a check-up twice a month.

A.twice a month (frequency)

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C.Pick out the noun phrases from the following sentences:

1. Getting up early in the morning is a good habit.

A.Getting up early in the morning (subject of 'is'); a good habit (subjective complement)

2. I could not eat the stale, half-burnt pieces of toast.

A.the stale, half-burnt pieces of toast (object of 'eat')

3. I cannot remember the names of people, but I can remember their faces.

A.the names of people (object of 'cannot remember'); their faces (object of 'can remember')

4. All the children were given beautifully wrapped gifts.

A.beautifully wrapped gifts (object of 'were given')

5. Vijay lay down on the soft and large bed and went to sleep.

A.the soft and large bed (object of preposition 'on'. [Note: (i) 'on the soft and large bed' is an adverb phrase of place; (ii) 'the soft and large' is an adjective phrase that qualifies 'bed'.]

6. Some people love travelling to far and distant places.

A.travelling to far and distant places (object of 'love')

7. The meeting of the committee will be held in the library.

A.The meeting of the committee (subject of 'will be held')

8. Does anybody like working on a holiday?

A.working on a holiday (object of 'Does...like')

9. 'Do not forget to take your lunch box,' Ma warned Rakesh.

A.to take your lunch box [object of 'Do (not) forget']

10. Asking questions is a scientist's favourite occupation.

A.Asking questions (subject of 'is')

11. The teachings of Socrates have been recorded by his pupil Plato.

A.The teachings of Socrates (subject of 'have been recorded'); his pupil Plato (object of the preposition 'by')

12. The farmer ploughed his little plot of land and hoped for a good harvest.

A.his little plot of land (object of 'ploughed'); a good harvest (object of the preposition 'for')

13. The plays of Shakespeare have been admired by people of different countries and ages.

A.The plays of Shakespeare (subject of the verb 'have been admired'); people of different countries and ages (object of the preposition 'by')

14. The battalion of soldiers was going home after a long time.

A.The battalion of soldiers (subject of the verb 'was going')

15. Do you like listening to ghost stories on a dark and windy night?

A.listening to ghost stories (object of the verb 'Do... like'); a dark and windy night (object of the preposition 'on'). [Note:'on a dark and windy night' is an adverb phrase of time.]