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**Practice with Phrases**

**Exercise1.** *Indicate the noun phrases in each of the following sentences, and then define their syntactic functions.*

1. Andria will be a suspect.
2. The old man gave the children some money.
3. My young sister considers my old sister her best friend.
4. The country has a small population.
5. My uncle sent his wife a nice present.
6. He has become the new leader of the team.
7. My mother prepared a very delicious meal.
8. Houari BOUMEDIENE was the president of Algeria.
9. The speaker of the house will finish her term in May.
10. There was a hair on the lens of the microscope.

**Exercise2.** *Indicate the adjectival and adverbial phrases in each of the following sentences, and then define their syntactic functions.*

1. The mountains are tall and white.
2. They expressed their points of view extremely freely.
3. That boy is unusually tall.
4. They behaved extremely obviously seriously.
5. Her mother was often ill.
6. That very serious man is my teacher.
7. Your success made me too happy.

**Exercise3.** *Indicate the prepositional phrase(s) in each of the following sentences, and then define their syntactic functions.*

1. People live in towns on the coast.
2. Algeria has a population of fourty million.
3. The sweet potatoes in the bin are green with mold.
4. I thank you for your advice.
5. They fought bravely in the battle.
6. Please hand me the pen next to the telephone.
7. The park is next to the hospital.

**Exercise4:** Indicate the function of the gerund, participial or infinitive phrases in the following sentences.

1. They could see the train approaching in the distance.
2. The thought of failingnever entered his head.
3. The school threw a huge party for the teacher retiring this year.
4. Walking the path in the woods is good exercise.
5. Bart received an award for having perfect attendance.
6. Kristin's dream was singing in the local musical.
7. The course's goal is providing students with knowledge of basic grammar.
8. The student began to sing after the introduction.
9. The restaurant served potatoes baked in a special salt shell.
10. To paint beautifully requires talent and practice.
11. Babies crying in the night bother me.
12. Three teenagers treated in the emergency room yesterday required stitches.
13. Stock traders investing in foreign markets have enjoyed a 40% yield this year.
14. David told his little sister a vivid story to entertain her after dinner.

**Exercise5.** *Define the nature and the function of each word in the following sentences.*

1. The food on the table looks very delicious.
2. The groom brought his new bride a wedding present.
3. Behind the garage is a muddy mess.
4. Travelling satisfies your desire for new experiences.