

## Review C: Phrases

**EXERCISE A** In each of the following sentences, identify the underlined phrase by writing above it *prepositional phrase*, *participial phrase*, *gerund phrase*, *infinitive phrase*, or *appositive phrase*. Hint: Ignore any prepositional phrases within a verbal phrase.

**Example 1.** In an effort <sup>*infinitive phrase*</sup> to protect seeds, farmers would often place scarecrows in the fields.

- Scarecrows seemed to scare away at least some of the birds.
- The weather, of course, plays a significant role in the growing of a crop.
- A crop ripening in the sun can look beautiful.
- Have you ever stood in a sunlit field to watch the wheat or some other crop sway in the wind?
- Corn, a plant that has several thousands of varieties, is an important crop.
- A stalk of corn can grow up to twenty feet tall.
- A field of corn glimmering in the sun is a beautiful sight.
- Many varieties of corn from the United States are grown in the Corn Belt.
- Eating corn on the cob is a common activity at some picnics.
- The planting and harvesting of crops such as corn is a demanding job.

**EXERCISE B** Underline the phrases in each of the following sentences. Then, above each phrase, write *participial phrase*, *gerund phrase*, *infinitive phrase*, *appositive phrase*, or *prepositional phrase*. Hint: Ignore any prepositional phrases within verbal or appositive phrases.

**Example 1.** <sup>*participial phrase*</sup> Glistening in the summer sun, the orange snow cone <sup>*participial phrase*</sup> topped with fruit looked delicious.

- The building towering ten stories tall is a treasured landmark.
- Watching the driveway intently, Janet waited for David.
- Kelly, wanting a treat, walked to the grocery store to buy a fresh watermelon.
- The tree, a tall pine with a thick trunk, was over a century old.
- This lesson's objective is to learn about phrases in action.
- Helena, one of the girls from our school, received a blue ribbon.
- The class heard the soft whimpering of a puppy.
- The girl standing on the stage is Celia.
- Sally's favorite hobby is learning about her family's history.
- Swooping down from the sky, the bird buzzed over Tim's head.