Verbal Phrases A

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<td><strong>Becoming thirsty from the heat,</strong> I looked for a water fountain.</td>
<td>My only concern was to quench my thirst.</td>
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**Exercise A** On the line provided, identify each underlined phrase by writing inf for infinitive phrase or part for participial phrase.

**Example** **part** 1. Tired from the walk, Aurelio lay down for a short nap.

___ 1. Eric hopes to see the Great Wall of China someday.

___ 2. Singing a happy tune, Marcia strolled down the street.

___ 3. Built last year, one new home sits proudly on top of a hill.

___ 4. To travel to India is Devorah’s goal.

___ 5. A classical music concert is a joy to attend on a relaxing weekend.

**Exercise B** Underline the verbal phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, on the line provided, identify the phrase by writing part for participial phrase or inf for infinitive phrase.

**Examples** **part** 1. The languages commonly spoken in Canada are French and English.

**inf** 2. To speak fluent French is my goal.

___ 6. One requirement of airline pilots is to speak and understand English.

___ 7. People speaking Chinese outnumber those who speak English.

___ 8. To learn a second language is certainly worthwhile.

___ 9. Signs posted in international airports are often in several languages.

___ 10. To visit a foreign country is the desire of many young people.

___ 11. They want to experience different customs, foods, and environments.

___ 12. Knowing Spanish, a person can travel in Mexico and South America without a language barrier.

___ 13. I would also like to go to São Paulo, Brazil.

___ 14. If you like to travel by boat, perhaps you should visit Venice.

___ 15. Tourists looking for beautiful views might visit Denmark.
Verbal Phrases B

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**PARTICIPIAL PHRASE** Pressed for time, Susan quickly bought her ticket and boarded the plane.

**INFINITIVE PHRASE** She felt lucky to have a seat next to the window.

**EXERCISE A** On the line provided, identify each underlined phrase by writing inf for infinitive phrase or part for participial phrase.

**Example** part 1. Struggling intensely, the toddler finally took his first step.

____ 1. I would like to know the name of that singer.

____ 2. Sarah and Katie stood in line to see the band.

____ 3. Susan and Michelle, returning from their trip, told stories about their adventures.

____ 4. To buy a car is Laura’s main objective this summer.

____ 5. Recently released on video, the highly praised movie quickly became a big seller.

**EXERCISE B** Underline the verbal phrase in each of the following sentences. Then, on the line provided, identify the phrase by writing part for participial phrase or inf for infinitive phrase.

**Examples** part 1. The raw vegetables, chopped into bite-sized pieces, made a crunchy snack.

inf 2. After the concert, we decided to go for a walk around the lake.

____ 6. I caught my younger sister eavesdropping behind my bedroom door.

____ 7. The feather, dropped from a great height, drifted slowly down.

____ 8. Splashing in the shallow water, the children enjoyed their day at the beach.

____ 9. The city passed a law to protect endangered animals.

____ 10. Juanita was happy to find the letter.

____ 11. We raked all the leaves fallen from the trees during autumn.

____ 12. Ending the speech, the candidate received loud applause.

____ 13. “If you want to know the end of the story,” Gloria said, “read the book.”

____ 14. The dog, covered in mud from the backyard, left tracks as he ran through the house.

____ 15. To end the game well was Kevin’s only wish.