

Phrases and Clauses

Exercise A Identify each word group by writing P for phrase or NP for not a phrase on the line provided.

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| ___ 1. with long white curtains | ___ 6. The cat sat. |
| ___ 2. had been swimming | ___ 7. over the fence |
| ___ 3. as a baby sitter | ___ 8. in the middle |
| ___ 4. after the bell rang | ___ 9. under the car |
| ___ 5. is running | ___ 10. where her books are |

Exercise B For each of the following sentences, identify the underlined clause by choosing IND for independent clause or SUB for subordinate clause.

11. When you pack the dishes, be sure to use enough padding.
12. Some whales can hold their breath for up to two hours, but they still must come to the surface to breathe.
13. The ball went through the hoop just as the buzzer sounded.
14. The book that April was waiting for is available now.
15. Mark Twain, which was a riverboat term meaning "two fathoms" (twelve feet), was the pen name of Samuel Clemens.
16. If those plants aren't covered tonight, the frost may kill them.
17. A bird picked the crocodile's teeth clean while the crocodile sat patiently with its mouth open.
18. All of the receivers were covered, so the quarterback had to run with the ball.
19. Because a storm was predicted, the fair was postponed.
20. The play, which the students had rehearsed for six weeks, was a huge success.