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The Phrase

Level 1: ★

1. Choose the correct prepositional phrase (PP) to complete the meaning:

(Help Box: **at dawn** / **in the attic** / **on the shelf** / **with a smile** / **after the storm** / **by the river** / **between the houses** / **under the table**)

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| a) We found the lantern _____. | e) The roads were clear _____. |
| b) The children hid _____. | f) The letter was discovered _____. |
| c) The hikers camped _____. | g) The cat squeezed _____. |
| d) I placed the dictionary _____. | h) The shopkeeper greeted us _____. |

2. Pick the correctly formed verb phrase (VP) for tense/aspect:

(Help Box: **is waiting** / **has finished** / **will be travelling** / **was repaired** / **had been raining** / **were singing** / **should study** / **could have won**)

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| a) By noon, it _____ for hours. | e) We _____ to the capital next month. |
| b) The engine _____ last week. | f) He _____ at the platform now. |
| c) They _____ the chorus together. | g) The team _____ the tournament. |
| d) She _____ the assignment already. | h) You _____ for the quiz tonight. |

Level 2: ★ ★

3. Identify the phrase type. The phrase in bold is the target.

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| a) The hikers followed the narrow trail . | e) The festival was remarkably vibrant . |
| b) We waited under the old bridge . | f) I bought a bunch of fresh basil . |
| c) She sings beautifully enough . | g) The cat slept by the warm radiator . |
| d) He has been practising daily. | h) They will submit the forms tomorrow. |

4. Replace the underlined part with a single phrase of the requested type to improve clarity; then write a 1-sentence explanation of how cohesion or concision improved.

- a) They met at a time before sunrise → (PP) ____ | Why: ____
- b) She explained the steps in a way that was very calm → (AdvP) ____ | Why: ____
- c) The hall was in a condition of disrepair → (AdjP) ____ | Why: ____
- d) The interns were in a state of discussing budgets → (VP) ____ | Why: ____
- e) We stored samples in a place that was below zero → (PP) ____ | Why: ____
- f) I bought a bouquet that contained wildflowers → (NP) ____ | Why: ____

Level 3: ★ ★ ★

5. Each sentence has a phrase mistake. Correct it and name the correct phrase type you used.

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| a) She walked with rapid to the gate. | c) The corridor was paint yesterday evening. |
| b) Place the model careful on the stand. | d) He found a box with heavy on the shelf. |

6. Start from the given core and add modifiers to meet the cue:

- a) NP: "leaf" → add classifier + PP of source.
- b) VP: "analyze" → make perfect progressive with auxiliary(s).
- c) PP: "____ the gallery" → make direction + specific landmark.
- d) AdvP: "carefully" → add intensifier + comparative frame.
- e) NP: "maps" → add determiner + of-phrase + reduced relative.
- f) AdjP: "proud" → add of-complement + degree marker.