

EXERCISE 63-1 Identifying Prepositional Phrases

Underline the prepositional phrases in the following sentences. Be prepared to explain the function of each phrase. Example:

Communism is fascism with a human face. (*Adjective phrase modifying fascism*)

- a. On their side, the workers had only the Constitution. The other side had bayonets.
—Mother Jones
- b. Any mother could perform the job of several air traffic controllers with ease.
—Lisa Alther
- c. To my embarrassment, I was born in bed with a lady. —Wilson Mizner
- d. Language is the road map of a culture. —Rita Mae Brown
- e. In France, cooking is a serious art form and a national sport. —Julia Child
1. We know that the road to freedom has always been stalked by death. —Angela Davis
2. A society of sheep produces a government of wolves. —Bertrand de Jouvenal
3. Some people feel with their heads and think with their hearts. —G. C. Lichtenberg
4. By a small sample, we may know the whole piece. —Cervantes
5. You and I come by road or rail, but economists travel on infrastructure.
—Margaret Thatcher