## PHRASES

### 1. Adjective Phrases

14. We have seen that sometimes a group of words does the work of an adjective (§ 3).

Now examine the following pairs of sentences:-

1. (a) The vizier was a wealthy man.

(b) The vizier was a man of great wealth.

2. (a) The magistrate was a kind man.

(b) The magistrate was a man with a kindly nature.

1. (a) The chief lived in a stone house.

(b)The chief lived in a house built of stone.

1. (a) I like to see a smiling face.

(b) I like to see a face with a smile on it.

5. (a) The coolies belonged to a hill tribe.

(b) The coolies belonged to a tribe dwelling in the hills.

In each of the above pairs of sentences, we have first a single word describing the person or thing denoted by the noun, and then a group of words describing the person or thing denoted by the same noun.

For instance, the group of words of great wealth tells us what sort of man the vizier was. It qualifies the noun man just as an Adjective does. It therefore does the work of an Adjective and is called an Adjective Phrase.

Def:- An Adjective Phrase is a group of words that does the work of an Adjective.

15.Study the following Adjectives and the Adjective Phrases that are equivalent to them:-

**Adjectives -- Adjective Phrases** A golden crown. -- A crown made of gold.

A purple cloak. -- A cloak of purple colour.

A white elephant. -- An elephant with a white skin.

A jungle track. -- A track through the jungle.

A blue-eyed boy. -- A boy with blue eyes.

A deserted village. -- A village without any inhabitants.

A blank page. -- A page with no writing on it.

The longest day. -- The day of greatest length.

The Spanish flag. -- The flag of Spain.

A heavy load. -- A load of great weight.

## II. Adverb Phrases

16. Just as the work of an Adjective is often done by a group of words called an Adjective Phras.3, so the work of an Adverb is often done by a group of words.

Study the following pairs of sentences carefully:-

1. (a) Rama ran quickly. (How?)

(b) Rama ran with great speed. (How?)

2. (a) He answered rudely. (How?)

(b) He answered in a very rude manner. (How?)

3. (a) He does his work carelessly. (How?)

(b) He does his work without any care. (How?)

4. (a) He is coming now (When?)

(b) He is coming at this very moment. (When?)

5. (a) No such diseases were known then. (When?)

(b) No such diseases were known in those days. (When?)

6. (a) The arrow fell here. (Where?)

(b) The arrow fell on this spot. (Where?)

7. (a) You can buy it everywhere. (Where?)

(b) You can buy it in all places. (Where?)

8. (a) He fell down. (Where?)

(b) He fell to the ground. (Where?)

In each of the above pairs of sentences we have first a single word (an Adverb) modifying a verb, and then a group of words modifying a verb in the same way.

For instance, the group of words with great speed tells us how Rama ran. It modifies the verb ran just as the Adverb quickly does. It therefore does the work of an Adverb and is called an Adverb Phrase.

Def:- An Adverb Phrase is a group of words that does the work of an Adverb.

Note:- An Adverb Phrase, like an Adverb, may modify also an Adjective or Adverb: as, Quinine is good for malaria.

I have done well on the whole.

17. Study the following Adverbs and the Adverb Phrases that are equivalent to them.

### Adverbs -- Adverb Phrases

Bravely -- In a brave manner, or with bravery.

Unwisely -- In an unwise manner, or without wisdom.

Swiftly -- In a swift manner, or with swiftness.

Beautifully -- In a beautifully style.

### Adverbs -- Adverb Phrases

Formerly -- In former times, or once upon a time.

Recently -- Just now, or at a recent date.

Soon -- Before very long, or at an early date.

There -- At that place.

Away -- To another place.

Abroad -- To (in) a foreign country.

## III. Noun Phrases

19. Examine the following sentences:-

1. The boy wants something.
2. The boy wants to go home.

The word something is a Noun and it is the Object of the verb wants, in sentence 1.

Similarly the group of words, to go home, is the Object of the verb wants, in sentence 2. Hence this group of words does the work of a Noun. The group of words, to go home, is therefore a Noun Phrase.

Def:- A Noun Phrase is a group of words that does the work of a Noun.

Further examples of Noun Phrases:- Early to bed is a good maxim.

He hopes to win the first prize.

We enjoy playing cricket.

He loves to issue harsh orders.

Did you enjoy reading this book?

I tried to get the sum right.

To win a prize is my ambition.

Standing about in a cold wet wind did me no good.