

# CHAPTER 5 *The Phrase*

## **Prepositional Phrases**

The **prepositional phrase** is a group of words that begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun called the object of the preposition.

**EXERCISE** Find the prepositional phrases in the following sentences. Then circle the preposition in each phrase and underline its object. Sentences may contain more than one prepositional phrase.

**EXAMPLE:** The ring was made of pure gold.

1. Marie Curie was born Marie Sklodowska in Warsaw in 1867.
2. She studied at the Sorbonne in Paris.
3. In those days the Sorbonne was one of the few universities that admitted women.
4. Marie graduated first in her class in the field of physics.
5. She married Pierre Curie in 1893.
6. Marie and Pierre worked together in their laboratory.
7. They became interested in radiations given off by radioactive substances.
8. They studied radioactivity in uranium.
9. Strong rays were coming from uranium ore.
10. The Curies sought the source of the rays.
11. Working with uranium ore, they discovered two new elements, which they named radium and polonium.
12. In 1903 Marie and Pierre Curie were awarded the Nobel Prize in physics.
13. After Pierre's death Marie took over his professorship at the Sorbonne.
14. In 1911 for her study of radium, she became the first person to win a second Nobel Prize.
15. After World War I, Madame Curie devoted herself to the study of radioactive substances.
16. She studied the application of radioactive substances to the field of medicine.
17. She died of leukemia, the result of overexposure to radiation.
18. From the time of its discovery, radium was used in medical therapy.
19. Today radium is used in the treatment of cancer and other diseases.
20. Marie Curie said, "Radium is an instrument of mercy, and it belongs to the world."