

# Phrases and Clauses

A. Identify and underline either a **noun phrases** (NP) or a **verb phrase** (VP) in these sentences.

1. He listens to music before sleeping. \_\_\_\_\_
2. She was walking quickly to the market. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He should wait before going for swimming. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The players are not trying very hard. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I don't have a bank account. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Read these lines from popular English songs. Can you identify whether the underlined parts are a **noun, adjective or adverb clause**?

1. I will not make the same mistakes that you did.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When the sun shines, we will shine together.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. That is what the summer is all about.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. As we lie beneath the stars, we realise how small we are.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. We'll have the life we knew we would.  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Identify which of these sentences contain an **adjective (AP)** or **preposition phrase (PP)**.

1. The new dress was very expensive. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The mariner's eyes were mesmerising. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The food has been laid out on the table. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The balloon drifted up into the sky. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The tourists drove to the amusement park. \_\_\_\_\_

## Answers

### A.

1. He listens **to music before sleeping**. NP
2. She **was walking** quickly to the market. VP
3. He **should wait** before going for swimming. VP
4. The players **are not trying very hard**. VP
5. I don't have **a bank account**. NP

### B.

1. Adjective
2. Adverb
3. Noun
4. Adverb
5. Adjective

### C.

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3. The food has been laid out on the table. PP
4. The balloon drifted up into the sky. PP
5. The tourists drove to the amusement park. PP