

Lesson 7 Underline the appositive phrase in each sentence.

1. Mike, a student who had a report due the next day, was panicking.
2. His computer, a usually dependable machine, had suddenly locked up.
3. Scary buzzing sounds, ones that made him fear a crash, were coming from the computer.
4. After Mike restarted it, the computer made reassuring noises, normal warm-up sounds.
5. However, Mike's report, which was close to being finished, had disappeared.
6. The research report, a ten-page paper on the pyramids of Egypt, had taken him all week to write.
7. What was Mike, a worrywart by nature, going to do now?
8. Ms. Spiker, his teacher, never accepted late homework.
9. Then the doorbell rang, and Mike saw Melissa, his neighbor, on the front stoop.
10. She had already finished her homework, a report on the Colosseum in Rome.
11. Mike told Melissa, a computer whiz, about his lost pyramid report.
12. She went to the computer table, a place messy beyond belief, and looked at the computer.
13. She spotted an earlier draft of the paper, a copy decorated with scribbled edits.
14. Mike, a hopelessly slow typist, was still frantic.
15. Melissa, a quick thinker, decided that the task would go faster if she read aloud while Mike typed.

Lesson 8 Underline the participial phrase in each sentence. Circle the participle.

1. Running through the house, Lucy grabbed her lunch and her backpack.
2. The front door slammed behind her, making a noise like a small explosion.
3. She glanced at her watch, knowing she would only see bad news.
4. Discovering she was disastrously late, Lucy picked up the pace.
5. Rounding the corner, she saw the taillights of her bus.
6. She ran with all her might, powered by fear of tardiness.
7. Called "Dasher" by her track coach, Lucy was a champion sprinter.
8. Seeing a green light change to yellow, Lucy slowed her pace.
9. Watching the same light, the bus driver accelerated.
10. The bus sailed through the intersection, leaving Lucy behind.
11. Frustrated by the experience, she nervously checked her watch again.
12. She waited impatiently for the next bus, breathing fast from her run.
13. Standing on her tiptoes, Lucy saw another bus on its way toward her.
14. Stepping off the bus in front of school, Lucy heard the clang of the warning bell.
15. Thrilled with her on-time arrival, Lucy gave herself a pat on the backpack.