

**absolute  
phrase**

noun + participle  
phrase to  
describe  
situation

**participle  
phrase**

verb + ing OR  
past tense verb  
to describe  
subject

**appositive  
phrase**

another name  
for a noun  
offset by  
commas

**gerund  
phrase**

verb + ing  
that behaves  
like a noun

example of  
absolute  
phrase

Eyes twitching,  
he rubbed his  
brow in  
frustration

example of  
participle  
phrase

Twitching, his  
eyes were a  
clear sign of his  
frustration.

example of  
gerund  
phrase

Twitching was  
what his eyes  
did when he  
was frustrated.

example of  
appositive

John, the  
doctor, sat on a  
chair in the  
office.