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prepositional phrases, objects & complements & some case*

Underline all infinitives or infinitive phrases, participles or participial phrases, and gerunds or gerund phrases in the following sentences, labeling them infinitive (I), participial (P) or gerund (G).

1. Running by the constable with worn shoes and bulging pockets was not a smart idea.
2. Turning with great dexterity, he snagged me by the collar and asked me to slow down.
3. To slow down meant that I would be answering questions without good responses.
4. Laughing at the situation, I extended both arms forward and asked the smiling policeman to handcuff me.



5. Conditions at the prison were rudimentary: no running water, no windows to lighten the room, no air conditioning.
6. An old woman sat outside the jail grate and read aloud from a small book in her hand.
7. She used to sing before the dinner hour.

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8. Waking and rested, we wolfed down the meager daily rations.

*Place parentheses around all prepositional phrases in the sentences below.
Draw an arrow that suggests what other word (or words) each prepositional
phrase modifies.*

9. The rats of the prison were a nuisance, but they were not the greatest of evils in that place.

10. The inability to walk with freedom and the failure of the gaming club to buy new checkerboards were blows to the happiness of every person in that deep, dark hole.

Find all the verb objects and complements. Also decide the appropriate case of who/whom.

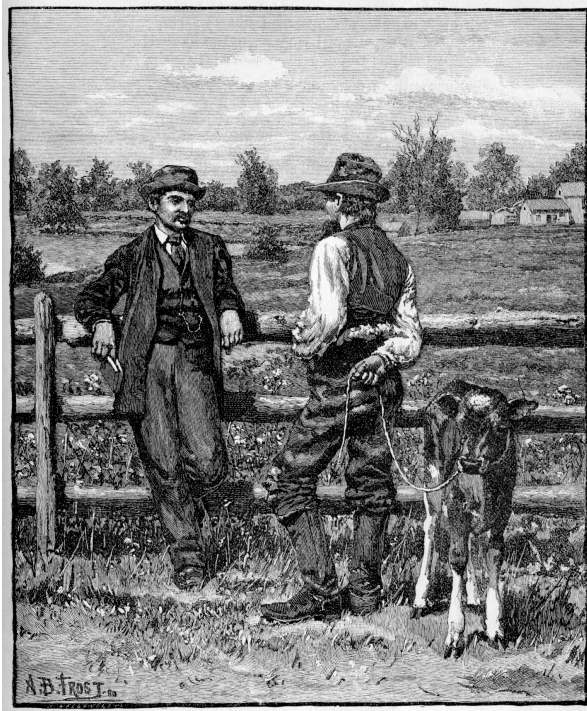
11. Billy and Bob stood in the field, chatting about the weather as young Tan Tan chomped slowly a small cud.

12. Tan Tan was the offspring of Old Blacky who/whom was the best milch cow in the county.

13. Cheese from the county had won first prize at the regional fair several times.

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14. It tasted wonderful, and several judges had moved their homes to the county because of that cheese.



15. Billy had named Bob treasurer of the farm club.

16. Bob had scandalized the club by stealing from the till.

17. It only seemed fair that he should bring young Tan Tan to a meeting.

18. Tan Tan, after all, was an expert in conflict resolution

who/whom was apt to squeal and jump at any time.

19. Today, she gently grazed the grass.

Identify every word, phrase, and clause below. Also tell its function.

20. The recording industry wants to keep most profits to itself.

21. Across time, such striking greed has played a deeply important role in the ongoing development of humanity and culture.