

Online Exercises: Chapter 6.

1. *We had been laboriously climbing for four hours and the ridge hardly seemed any closer. We couldn't admire the breath-taking scenery because the track hadn't been cleared in months and was getting narrower with every step. I couldn't carry the load much longer. I would have welcomed a brief rest but Reynolds said the sun would soon be obscured by the rising mist and we should press on.*
 - a. Identify all the lexical verbs in the above passage and their forms.
(Example: *climbing* – progressive participle.)
 - b. Identify all the adverbials.
 - c. Using triangles for NPs, draw phrase markers for the underlined expressions.
(They are both sentences, in fact).
2. *Agamemnon was bloodily murdered on his return from Troy by his wife and her lover.*
 - a. How many adverbials are there in this sentence?
 - b. Which adverbial would you say modifies the lowest (the basic) VP?
 - c. How many VPs would be needed in the phrase marker for this sentence?
(Careful!)