Phrases and Clauses: Practice Exercise

Directions: For each of the following sentences, bracket the dependent clauses and underline the verbal phrases, labelling each according to its kind.

**noun clause**
1. [How the cook fled from the scene of the crime] remained a mystery.

**gerund ph**
2. Nagging at Holmes’s mind was his interview with the butler, [who had

**adjective clause**
  seemed frightened, not guilty.]

**adverb clause**
3. [When the cook was finally recaptured,] we asked her [why she had been

**infinitive ph**
  willing to leave the house ungarded by any of the other servants.]

**noun clause**
4. The jury took a bus to [where the crime had occurred.]

**infinitive ph**
5. Some people seem to enjoy constant bickering with their spouses, but the

**gerund ph**
  cook had preferred simply to murder hers.

**gerund ph**
6. Thinking about murder is as tiring as the work itself.

**adjective clause**
7. Our class really enjoyed reading Moby Dick, [which was written by Henry Melville.]

**infinitive ph**
8. The treasurer said [he wanted to know the reason for the cash shortfall.]

**noun clause**
9. The prosecutor wanted to know [whose voice she had heard.]

**participle ph**
10. Sobbing uncontrollably, she admitted [that her entire story was a lie]

**to concocted to help her escape the gallows.**

**infinitive ph**