8th Grade Grammar Pretest

Circle all the nouns in the following sentences:

1) Alex would be a good mentor to the high-school track athletes. (3)
2) My dad used to take me to college basketball games. (2)
3) One day, I will appreciate math, but that day is not today. (5)
4) Ms. Mutchler loves to teach grammar to her seventh and eighth grader students. (3)

Underline all of the adjectives in the following sentences:

1) If you don’t want to get a big ugly bruise, put some frozen peas on that. (5)
2) Your new roommate seems thoughtful and upbeat. (4)

Circle any direct objects and indirect objects in the following sentences:

1) I am planning a trip to Greece! (1 DO)
2) Jimmy ate pizza for dinner with his family. (1 DO)
3) Give your mother a hug right now! (1 IO, 1 DO)

Underline the prepositional phrases in the following sentences:

1) I went to the mall to buy a new pair of brown leather boots. (3)
2) Unfortunately, my boots cost over $100.00. (1)
3) For my sixteenth birthday, my parents bought me a 1998 blue Jeep. (1)
4) Miss Wisconsin was flattered by the overwhelming amount of support. (2)

Identify the “ING” Word: Each of the following sentences has an “ing” word in them. Identify EACH “ing” word as a gerund (noun) or a verb.

1) My mom and I enjoy sewing.
2) Scrapbooking is one of my favorite hobbies.
3) I have been saving and thinking about how to invest my hard-earned money.