

Participle Clauses

Walking to school... / Built in 1900...

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Use -ing (active) or -ed (passive) to replace when/because/after clauses.

1 Present or past participle?

EASY

Choose the correct participle form.

1. ____ to work, she missed the meeting.

2. ____ in 1850, the castle is beautiful.

3. ____ the test, he felt relieved.

4. ____ by the news, she sat down.

5. ____ all night, she was exhausted.

6. ____ at the top, we saw the city.

7. ____ too far, the hike was tiring.

8. ____ to music, he fell asleep.

9. ____ in glass, the building reflected.

10. ____ his wallet, he couldn't pay.

2 Combine using participle clauses

MEDIUM

Rewrite using a participle clause.

1. Because she was tired, she went to bed.

2. When he arrived, he noticed the damage.

3. After she had eaten, she went for a walk.

4. Because it was built in 1900, it is old.

5. Since I didn't know the answer, I guessed.

6. After he had finished, he left the room.

7. When they entered, they saw the mess.

8. Because she was exhausted, she rested.

9. After it had been translated, it was published.

10. Since she hadn't studied, she failed.

3 Dangling participles

HARD

Identify correct vs. incorrect participle clauses.

1. Running for the bus, my bag fell. (correct?)

2. Running for the bus, I dropped my bag.

3. Exhausted from work, the sofa was comfy.

4. Having eaten, she went for a walk.

5. Walking in, the room seemed cold.

6. Built in 1920, they still live in the house.

7. Opening the letter, she began to cry.

8. Not knowing the route, a map was needed.

9. Turning right, you'll see the post office.

10. Having arrived early, the seats were good.

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Full participle clause practice

HARD

Rewrite or choose the best participle clause.

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| 1. She opened the door and saw him there. | 2. After he had graduated, he moved abroad. |
| 3. Because it was damaged, they returned it. | 4. Not knowing what to say, she left. |
| 5. Because she was trained doctor, she helped. | 6. After they had argued, they fell silent. |
| 7. When I entered, I noticed a strange smell. | 8. Since he was injured, he couldn't compete. |
| 9. After it had been rejected, the plan was revised. | 10. Because she hadn't eaten, she felt faint. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Participle forms

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Walking/Driving/Running | 6 Standing/Arriving |
| 2 Built | 7 Being/Going |
| 3 Having finished / Finishing | 8 Listening |
| 4 Shocked/Surprised | 9 Covered/Wrapped |
| 5 Working | 10 Having lost / Losing |

2 Exercise 2 Rewritten clauses

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| 1 Being tired, she went to bed | 6 Having finished, he left the room |
| 2 Arriving, he noticed the damage | 7 Entering, they saw the mess |
| 3 Having eaten, she went for a walk | 8 Exhausted, she rested |
| 4 Built in 1900, it is old | 9 Having been translated, it was published |
| 5 Not knowing the answer, I guessed | 10 Not having studied, she failed |

3 Exercise 3 Correct/Incorrect

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| 1 Incorrect (dangling) | 6 Incorrect (dangling) |
| 2 Correct | 7 Correct |
| 3 Incorrect (dangling) | 8 Incorrect (dangling) |
| 4 Correct | 9 Correct |
| 5 Incorrect (dangling) | 10 Incorrect (dangling) |

4 Exercise 4 Rewritten sentences

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| 1 Opening the door, she saw him | 6 Having argued, they fell silent |
| 2 Having graduated, he moved abroad | 7 Entering, I noticed a strange smell |
| 3 Damaged, it was returned | 8 Injured, he couldn't compete |
| 4 Not knowing what to say, she left | 9 Having been rejected, the plan was revised |
| 5 Trained doctor, she helped | 10 Not having eaten, she felt faint |