Participle Clauses

-ing · -ed · having + past participle | C1 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Participle clauses make sentences shorter and more formal. The subject must be the same in both clauses.

Present participle (-ing) = active — reason, time, result, or a reduced relative clause.
Feeling ill, she left. · The man wearing a hat is John. · …, destroying everything.

Past participle (3rd form) = passive.
Built in 1920, it still stands. · Shocked, he said nothing.

Perfect participle (having + past participle) = an earlier action.
Having eaten, we left. · Having been warned, they stayed at home.

1 Rewrite using a present participle (-ing) clause.

1 *While I was walking home, I met Sam.*

2 *Because she felt tired, she went to bed.*

3 *The woman who is sitting there is my aunt.*

4 *As he didn't know the way, he asked a policeman.*

5 *The fire spread quickly and destroyed the house.*

2 Rewrite using a past participle (-ed / 3rd form) clause.

1 *The house, which was built in 1900, is now a museum.*

2 *Because she was shocked by the news, she sat down.*

3 *The money that was stolen was never found.*

4 *When it is seen from above, the island looks tiny.*

5 *As he was exhausted after the trip, he slept all day.*

3 Join using a perfect participle (having + past participle).

1 *After he had finished the report, he went home.*

2 *She had lived abroad, so she spoke three languages.*

3 *After they had been warned, they left early.*

4 *We had missed the train, so we took a taxi.*

4 Choose the correct participle.

1 (Feeling / Felt) nervous, she began to speak.

2 (Writing / Written) in 1850, the novel is still popular.

3 The passengers (waiting / waited) for the train looked bored.

4 (Having finished / Having been finished) lunch, they left.

5 (Damaging / Damaged) by the storm, the roof needs repair.

6 (Knowing / Known) the truth, he stayed silent.

5 Find and correct the mistake (watch out for dangling participles).

1 *Walking to work, my phone rang.*

2 *Having ate lunch, they left.*

3 *The man wore a hat looked suspicious.*

4 *Build in 1800, the bridge is famous.*

5 *Being seen the film, he didn't want to watch it again.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Present participle

1 Walking home, I met Sam.
2 Feeling tired, she went to bed.
3 The woman sitting there is my aunt.
4 Not knowing the way, he asked a policeman.
5 The fire spread quickly, destroying the house.

2 · Past participle

1 Built in 1900, the house is now a museum.
2 Shocked by the news, she sat down.
3 The money stolen was never found.
4 Seen from above, the island looks tiny.
5 Exhausted after the trip, he slept all day.

3 · Perfect participle

1 Having finished the report, he went home. 2 Having lived abroad, she spoke three languages.
3 Having been warned, they left early. 4 Having missed the train, we took a taxi.

4 · Choose

1 Feeling 2 Written 3 waiting 4 Having finished 5 Damaged 6 Knowing

5 · Error correction

1 As I was walking to work, my phone rang. (Walking to work, I heard my phone ring.) 2 Having eaten lunch, they left.
3 The man wearing a hat looked suspicious. 4 Built in 1800, the bridge is famous. 5 Having seen the film, he didn't want to watch it again.