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Participles and Participial Phrases A

5e. A **participle** is a verb form that can be used as an adjective.

PARTICIPLE The **crying** child asked for his mother.

5f. A **participial phrase** consists of a participle together with its modifiers and complements. The entire phrase is used as an adjective.

PARTICIPIAL PHRASE The record **broken by José Canseco** was impressive.

EXERCISE Circle each participle used as an adjective in the following sentences. If the participle has modifiers or complements, underline the complete participial phrase.

Examples 1. Scattered evidence was found in the house.

2. Hammering the nails, Midori envisioned the treehouse she would have.

1. The baking bread smelled delicious.
2. Shaped like a flag, the sand sculpture won first prize.
3. Under a pile of magazines lay the forgotten letter.
4. Frozen blueberries are his favorite dessert.
5. Devoted soccer fans are looking forward to the season.
6. Waking slowly, the dog stretched its legs.
7. From behind the tree came a screeching sound.
8. The lion basking in the sun looked sleepy.
9. Surrounded by the smell of apples, I walked through the orchard.
10. I heard something pounding against the windowpane.
11. Leaping into the air, the dancer thrilled the audience.
12. The athlete, sweating heavily, grabbed a towel and a bottle of water.
13. I did not want to eat the burned potatoes that my sister had cooked.
14. Stapled in the corner, the test booklet contained ten pages.
15. Closely written, the words filled every space on the diary pages.
16. Jake, slipping on a banana peel, let out a shriek.
17. Smiling, I opened my birthday present.
18. Examined by a doctor, his wrist will heal soon.
19. I shook the brightly wrapped gift before opening it.
20. The pet chosen by Trisha is a baby rabbit.

Participles and Participial Phrases B

5e. A **participle** is a verb form that can be used as an adjective.

EXAMPLES Did you see the **flying** bird?
Perhaps we will find a **hidden** treasure.

5f. A **participial phrase** consists of a participle together with its modifiers and complements. The entire phrase is used as an adjective.

EXAMPLE The tree **struck by lightning** has fallen.

EXERCISE Underline once the participles and participial phrases used as adjectives in the following sentences. Then, underline twice the word or words each participle or participial phrase modifies.

Example 1. Excited by the good news, Sherry called all her friends.

1. The clown entertaining the children at the party was funny.
2. He had a surprised look on his face.
3. We were awakened last night by a barking dog.
4. Students participating in the event will meet after school.
5. The woman wandering down the street was wearing a red hat.
6. Surrounded by her closest friends, Jane enjoyed her birthday party.
7. As we entered the room, we noticed the broken vase on the floor.
8. Her dad comforted her with a reassuring smile.
9. The site was a perfect camping place for the night.
10. Startled by the noise, the cat scrambled under the chair.
11. Finally, they could see the train approaching in the distance.
12. Everyone involved in the discussion expressed his or her opinion.
13. We were happy with the services provided by that company.
14. The married couple set out on their honeymoon.
15. When we were young, my friends and I always hoped to find buried treasure.
16. Damaged by the storm, the car no longer ran.
17. The school threw a huge party for the teacher retiring this year.
18. We have to turn in our written work by the end of the week.
19. The man jogging up the hill is my grandfather.
20. Beatriz has always been a committed person.