

Participle Clauses

- Having washed her hair, Susan reached for the hair-dryer and scissors.
- Holding the hair-dryer in her left hand, Susan cut her hair with the scissors in her right hand.
- Blown to the right by the hair-dryer, her hair could easily be cut.
- Having been cut, her hair looked strange.
- Have you ever this way? cutting their hair



Exercises

- ***present participle.***
- *(search)* for her gloves, she dug through the entire wardrobe.
- *(whistle)* a song, she danced through the house with the mop.
- *(sit)* in the shade, we ate cake and drank coffee.
- The child sat at the desk *(paint)* a picture.
- *(run)* to the bus stop, she lost her shoe.

present perfect participle

- *(park)* the car, we searched for the ticket machine.
- *(drink)* one litre of water, he really needed to go to the toilet.
- *(leave)* the party too early, we couldn't see the fireworks anymore.
- *(finish)* her phone call, she went back to work.
- *(lose)* ten kilogrammes, Anne finally fit into her favourite dress again.

Turn the underlined part of the sentence into a participle clause.

- We are lying in the sun and we are enjoying life.
- The boy had brushed his teeth. He was allowed to watch a few more minutes of television.
- The children sat on their beds and watched the thunderstorm.
- They were surprised by a sudden storm and had to seek shelter under a tree.
- When they had found the secret island, they started searching for the treasure.

Passive Sentences

- Example:
- Blown to the right by the hair-dryer, her hair could easily be cut.
- *Long form*: Her hair was blown to the right by the hair-dryer and could easily be cut.

***past participle.* (Passive Sentences)**

- *(blind)* by the sun, the driver didn't see the stop sign.
- *(prepare)* by the chef himself, the dinner will be a real treat.
- *(sing)* by him, every song sounds just wonderful.
- *(misuse)* as a refuse dump, the place became more and more shabby.
- Though *(bear)* in England, she spent most of her childhood in the United States.

		participle form	example
active	simultaneous action	present participle (ing-form)	<u>Holding</u> the hair-dryer in her left hand, she cut her hair.
	sequential action	perfect participle (<i>having</i> + 3rd verb form)	<u>Having washed</u> her hair, she cut it.
passive	simultaneous and sequential actions	past participle (3rd verb form)	<u>Blown</u> by the hair-dryer, her hair could easily be cut.

Nota bene

- *as, because, and since, as*
- *who and which, - are not used*

Example: As the hair was blown to the right by the hair-dryer, it could easily be cut.

→ Blown to the right by the hair-dryer, the hair could easily be cut.

Her hair, which has been cut, looks strange now.

→ Her hair, having been cut, looks strange now.

Nota bene

- *before* and *when* are used.
- Example: Before she cut her hair, she washed it.
→ Before cutting her hair, she washed it.
- The conjunctions *after* and *while* can either be used or not.
- Example: After she had washed her hair, she cut it.
→ (After) having washed her hair, she cut it.

Participle clauses in writing a story

Gap-fill exercise

Tony needed money. _____ (blow) his last thousand dollars at the races the night before, he was completely broke. There was only one thing for it – crime. _____ (know) that a large house not far from his was empty, he _____ (decided) to try and break in the following evening.

_____ (leave) his house just after dark, he _____ (make) his way to the street where the empty house stood. _____ (arrive) outside the house just before midnight, he _____ (decide) to wait and check the owners _____ (not / return). _____ (pretend) to make a call on his mobile phone, he _____ (pace) up and down, _____ (watch) the house carefully.

When he was quite sure nobody was at home, he _____ (look) carefully around to make sure no one was watching, and got ready to go in.

_____ (know) there was a high wall around the house, he _____ (bring) a long rope with a spike on the end. _____ (throw) the rope over the wall, he _____ (climb) up and _____ (drop) into the garden.

_____ (pick) himself up quickly, he _____ (creep) across the dark lawn to the front of the house. _____ (stand) in front of the entrance, he quickly located the burglar alarm fixed high on the wall near the door. _____ (once / work) for a security company, he _____ (know) exactly how these alarms worked. _____ (take) a screwdriver from his bag, he _____ (shin) up the wall and expertly disabled the alarm.

Delighted that everything was going to plan, he _____ (grin), _____ (take) out a glass cutter and carefully _____ (make) a hole in a nearby window. _____ (reach) through carefully, he found the window catch, _____ (unfasten) it and _____ (push) open the window, _____ (think) how easy it all was.

Aware that any light in the house might attract unwelcome attention, he carefully _____ (draw) the curtains before _____ (switch) on his torch. A noise to the left of the room made him jump. _____ (swing) round, he _____ (see) a woman in a long white dress _____ (sit) in an armchair _____ (hold) a drink. _____ (smile) at Tony, she _____ (raise) her glass and _____ (say), 'Ah Tony, we _____ (wait) for you.'

Tony needed money. Having blown his last thousand dollars at the races the night before, he was completely broke. There was only one thing for it – crime. Knowing that a large house not far from his was empty while the owners were on holiday he decided to try and break in the following evening.

Having left his house just after dark, he made his way to the street where the empty house stood. Having arrived outside the house just before midnight, he decided to wait and check the owners hadn't returned. Pretending to make a call on his mobile phone, he paced up and down, watching the house carefully.

When he was quite sure nobody was at home, he looked carefully around to make sure no one was watching, and got ready to go in. Knowing there was a high wall around the house, he had brought a long rope with a spike on the end. Having thrown the rope over the wall, he climbed up and dropped into the garden.

Having picked himself up quickly, he crept across the dark lawn to the front of the house. Standing in front of the entrance, he quickly located the burglar alarm fixed high on the wall near the door. Taking a screwdriver from his bag, he shinned up the wall and expertly disabled the alarm.

Delighted that everything was going to plan, he grinned, took out a glass cutter and carefully made a hole in a nearby window. Reaching through carefully, he found the window catch, unfastened it and pushed open the window, thinking how easy it all was.

Aware that any light in the house might attract unwelcome attention, he carefully drew the curtains before switching on his torch. A noise to the left of the room made him jump. Swinging round, he saw a woman in a long white dress sitting in an armchair holding a drink. Smiling at Tony, she raised her glass and said, 'Ah Tony, we've been waiting for you.'

More ex-es

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