

## PARTICIPLE CLAUSES

Study these examples before doing the exercises.

I. There are **two forms of active participles**:

You find yourself *thinking* about what you are going to have for dinner or *singing* to yourself.

*Having* thus *established* that no good at all can come of any sort of endeavour

...and **three forms of passive participles**:

*Being warned* about the approaching storm, they made for the coast.

*Warned* about the imminent storm, they prepared for the worst.

*Having been warned* about the impending storm, they foolishly pressed on.

II. Participles are used to describe *simultaneous* or *consecutive* actions:

We sat on the beach *watching* the windsurfers *falling* into the water.

When *writing* new words in your notebook, write an example in a sentence.

*Dressed* in his smartest clothes, he arrived early for the interview.

*Getting* to the beach, we looked for an uncrowded spot.

[BUT NOT: We looked for an uncrowded spot, getting to the beach. X]

*Having got* to the beach, we found some sunbeds to lie on.

*Having* recently *interviewed* Mark McCormack...

...and to explain **reasons** or **causes**:

*Not being* an expert, I can't teach you how to windsurf.

*Being* a poor swimmer, I don't go out beyond my depth.

1. *Using participles of these verbs, complete the sentences below.*

arrange	arrive	complete	finish
require	shake	reach	lift

- a) As ....., we'll meet outside the cinema at 8 o'clock.
- b) He has been feeling terribly homesick ever since ..... in this country.
- c) On ..... home, I went straight to my room.
- d) ..... by her indifference, he burst into tears.
- e) Having ..... the game, they shook hands.
- f) Unless ..... later, the key should be returned to the reception desk.
- g) Remember to use block capitals when ..... the application form.
- h) Remember to bend your knees, not your back, whenever ..... something heavy.

**2. Finish these sentences, with each one still meaning the same as the one before it.**

- a) I haven't got a car, which is why I usually travel by bus.  
Not .....
- b) The demonstrators chanted loudly as they marched into the square. Chanting  
.....
- c) They turned back when they found their way blocked by the police. Finding  
.....
- d) I heard that he collects butterflies and asked him to tell me about it. Having  
.....
- e) None of her friends turned up outside the cinema, so she went home. Finding  
.....
- f) As I don't know much about art, I can't comment on your painting.  
Not .....
- g) I went to bed early because I felt a bit under the weather.  
Feeling .....

**3. Using your own ideas, add suitable participles to this story.**

a)  
On ..... my eyes, I knew that I was in a strange, dark room.  
..... that I might still be dreaming, I pinched myself to see if I was still  
asleep, but, ..... that I really was awake I began to feel afraid. I felt my  
way to the door, but it was locked. I tried to call for help but, after ..... for  
several minutes, I knew no one could hear me. .... to the window, and  
cautiously ..... the shutters, I discovered that the window was barred  
and, ..... outside, all I could see was darkness. My heart sank.  
..... with an apparently hopeless situation, I sat down .....  
what to do. I remained there ..... on the bed in silent desperation for  
several minutes.  
Suddenly, ..... a key being turned in the lock, I...

b) Add **THREE** more sentences, continuing the story with your own ideas...  
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*REVISION*

**1. Circle the correct word or phrase. If both are correct, circle both.**

- a) After *eating* / *having* eaten three hamburgers, it's no wonder you feel sick!
- b) *Having been told* / *Telling* exactly what to do, I was pretty confident I wouldn't embarrass myself.
- c) *Given* / *Giving* the opportunity, would you like to spend a year abroad?
- d) Philip was the only person *keeping* / *who was keeping* the committee on track.
- e) *Having seen* / *Seen* an advert in the paper, we decided to write off for more information.
- f) The zoo-keeper *injured* / *having injured* in the incident is now in a stable condition.
- g) *Not being* / *Not to be* a US citizen, Eleni knew it would be difficult to get a visa.
- h) After *made* / *having made* a statement, I was allowed to leave.
- i) *Shown* / *Having been shown* how to use the software, Adrian quickly started designing his logo.
- j) *Listening* / *Having listened* from the top of the stairs, Jill and I could hear raised voices.
- k) *To get* / *Getting* onto the property ladder is the aim of most young couples.
- l) I was told that I was *to make* / *making* sure that the press would be there.

**2. Write the verb in brackets in the correct form. Write only one or two words in each gap.**

- a) I'd love to get some work experience in an office, ..... (give) the chance.
- b) After ..... (get) so bad a school report, you can't blame your parents for being angry.
- c) The three men ..... (arrest) have not been named.
- d) We were only given a room with a balcony after ..... (complain) to the manager.
- e) ..... (see) Arctic Monkeys play live before, Josh was desperate to get tickets to their next gig.
- f) ..... (swim) along the seabed, the divers were shocked to find a sunken car.
- g) ..... (apply) for the job, I forgot all about it until the letter came.
- h) Is Bentley's the only department store ..... (start) its sale on Boxing Day?
- i) ..... (want) to create trouble, Dad didn't raise any objections.
- j) It's Sophie's role ..... (wait) at the entrance on Tuesday evening to welcome the guests
- k) ..... (shoot) in the arm, the man ran bleeding into the undergrowth.
- l) ..... (make) mistakes is only human!