

**Ex.1 Choose the correct option for each question below.**

1. After Julia \_\_\_\_\_ her degree, she intends to work in her father's company.  
A) will finish B) will have finished C) finishes D) is finishing
2. By the time I go to bed tonight, I \_\_\_\_\_ my work for the day.  
A) will finish B) have finished C) finish D) will have finished
3. When my parents \_\_\_\_\_ for a visit tomorrow, they will see our new baby for the first time.  
A) will arrive B) arrived C) will have arrived D) arrive
4. When Fergi saw the snake at her feet, she \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) was screaming B) had screamed C) screamed D) screams
5. By the time Lionel finally graduated from high school, he \_\_\_\_\_ seven different schools because his family moved so often.  
A) attended B) was attending C) had attended D) had been attending
6. Until you learn to relax more, you \_\_\_\_\_ your ability to speak English.  
A) hadn't improved B) weren't improving C) didn't improve D) won't improve
7. I borrowed four books on gardening the last time I \_\_\_\_\_ to the library.  
A) went B) had gone C) have gone D) go

**Ex.2 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verbs. Use a comma ',' and a space to separate multiple answers.**

1. Jessica ---- (never fall) in love until she ---- (meet) Ben two years ago.
2. Bruce ---- (not stop) studying until he ---- (cover) all of the exam topics.
3. When the old woman ---- (hear) that her grandson ---- (arrest) for robbery, she ---- (shock).
4. When Megan ---- (have) problems at school, her parents ---- (usually help) her to cope with them.

5. We ---  
- (wait) for the bus for nearly half an hour, but it ---- (not arrive) yet so I don't think we ---- (be able to) attend the meeting on time.

6. When Sarah ---- (graduate) from university next year, she ---- (study) English for nearly four years.

7. While the children ---- (play) by the lake, one of them ---- (drop) his ball and ---- (try) to get it out himself.

8. Tomorrow at around 7.30 pm, I ---- (drive) through America.

9. Builders ---- (finish) the Millennium Dome by the end of the year 2000.

10. When I ---- (have) another look I ---- (realize) the shirt in the laundry ---- (shrink).

**Ex. 3 Combine the clauses using participle constructions (Present Participle or Past Participle).**

1. The boy who carried a blue parcel crossed the street.
2. The battle was fought at this place. The battle was very significant.
3. She lay in her bed and wept bitter tears.

4. The books which were sent to us are for my aunt.
5. She stood at the corner and talked to her friends.
6. The children went from house to house. They played trick or treat.
7. He was very tall. He became a basketball player.
8. He was waiting in the hall. He overheard a conversation.
9. The picture which was stolen from a museum was offered on Ebay.
10. The song which was sung last night is still in my head.

**Ex. 4 Combine the clauses using participle constructions (Present, Past or Perfect Participle).**

1. We were sitting in the bus shelter and waited for the rain to stop.
2. The documentation which was telecast last Tuesday was impressive.
3. We had great fun at the party. We played silly games.
4. He had saved a little money. He travelled to Australia.
5. They were chatting along and didn't see the car coming.
6. The reception had been prepared carefully and was a great success.
7. He was picked up by his mother and didn't have to wait for the bus.
8. She had finished her degree and started to work for an international company.
9. She was listening to the radio and didn't hear the doorbell.
10. The room had not been tidied up yet and looked like a battlefield.

**Check Answers**

**Ex.5 Combine the clauses using participle constructions (Present, Past or Perfect Participle).**

**Decide whether to use the conjunctions in the participle clause or not.**

1.  As she didn't have a boyfriend, she flirted with every guy she met.  
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2.  Since he had never been there before, he was stunned.  
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3.  Before he left the house, he switched off the lights.  
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4.  As she was on holiday, she couldn't go to the party.  
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5.  While she was preparing dinner, she cut her finger.  
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6.  When I travel around Ireland, I always stay in youth hostels.  
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7.  Since she didn't hear the doorbell, she missed the delivery.  
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8. After I had dropped him at the station, I drove straight to the supermarket.  
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9. Since he didn't feel well, he stayed in bed.  
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10. While they were talking on the phone, they forgot everything around them.  
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**Ex. 6 Replace the Relative Clause by a Participle Construction while keeping the rest of the sentence unchanged. (The first sentence is given as an example.)**

1. The boy *who was waiting* in the hall expected a phone call.  
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2. Passengers *who wanted to go to Liverpool* had to change in Manchester.  
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3. The girl *who was picked up by her brother* was very nice.  
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4. The house *that stands at the end of the road* will soon be sold.  
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5. The conference *which was planned by non-governmental organisations* was about globalisation.  
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6. Irish people *who live in Great Britain* have the right to vote in British elections.  
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7. A friend *who helps you in need* is a good friend indeed.  
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8. A picture *that shows the image of a person* is a portrait.  
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9. The problems *that were discussed* will be essential for your exam.  
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10. Animals *that eat plants* are called herbivores.  
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**Ex.7 Rewrite the sentences without using the participle constructions**

1. We were sitting around the fire singing songs.  
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2. Did you see the boy jumping up and down?  
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3. When going to London, they always did a sightseeing tour.  
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4. While being on the boat, Bob got seasick.  
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5. Being an exemplary pupil, he always does his homework.

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6. Having told me the news, he went away.

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7. The boy excited about the presents sat on the couch.

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8. Sleeping in the garden, I didn't hear the telephone.

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9. The children were sitting at the beach building a sandcastle.

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10. Last month I read a book written by a Scottish author.

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