



Participles

The participles are:

- a) present participles (playing, running, etc.),
- b) past participles (played, written, etc.) and
- c) perfect participles (having written, etc.).

◆ Present and past participles can be used as adjectives.

The **present participle (-ing)** describes what somebody or something is (it answers the question 'What kind?'). The **past participle (-ed)** describes how somebody feels (it answers the question 'How do you feel?').

e.g. It's a very **tiring** job. (What kind of job? Tiring.)

He's very **tired**. (How does he feel? Tired.)

Participles can also be used:

- ◆ **to express time.**
e.g. *After doing/having done her homework, she watched TV.*
Having done her homework, she watched TV.
(=After she had done her homework, she watched TV.)
He broke his arm (while) playing hockey.
(=He broke his arm while he was playing hockey.)
- ◆ **to express reason.**
e.g. *Being late, Adam took a taxi.*
(=Because he was late, Adam took a taxi.)
Having spent all her money, Pam asked for a loan.
(=Because she had spent all her money, Pam asked for a loan.)
- ◆ **instead of a relative pronoun and full verb.**
e.g. *The man **standing** at the door is my boss.*
(=The man **who is standing** at the door is my boss.)
*The information **presented** in the article was invaluable.*
(=The information **which was presented** in the article was invaluable.)
- ◆ **instead of the past simple in narratives when we describe actions happening immediately one after the other.**
e.g. ***Seeing** the shadow, he **screamed**.*
(=He **saw** the shadow and he **screamed**.)
- ◆ **to avoid repeating the past continuous in the same sentence.**
e.g. *She was climbing up a ladder **carrying** a bucket.*
(=She **was climbing** up a ladder and she **was carrying** a bucket.)

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Have you read that new book yet?

Only some of it. It's very **bored** / **boring**.

2. Did you enjoy your holiday?

Oh, yes. It was very **relaxed** / **relaxing**.

3. I'm going to a lecture tonight. Do you want to come?

No thanks. I'm not **interested** / **interesting** in the subject.

4. Did you hurt yourself when you felt?

No, but it was very **embarrassed** / **embarrassing**.

5. Shall I turn off the lights?

No. I'm **frightened** / **frightening** of the dark.

6. Was mother upset when you broke her vase?

Not really, but she was very **annoyed** / **annoying**.

7. How do you feel today?

I still feel very **tired** / **tiring**.

8. I haven't seen Mr Green for several days.

Neither have I. It's a bit **worried** / **worrying**.

II. Choose the correct answer.

- 1. the film at least a dozen times, he knew it almost by heart.
 - Having been seen
 - Seeing
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- 2. that it was useless to argue with him, I dropped the subject.
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- 3. She turned to me for help, how to deal with the problem.
 - not having known
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 - not being known

- 4. A kindness deserves no thanks.
 - forced
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- 5. I heard him something from the opposite side of the street, but I pretended not to hear.
 - shouting
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- 6. as a taxi-driver before, Leo knew every corner of the town.
 - Working
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- 7. unwell, Len decided to stay away from classes for a few days.
 - Having felt
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- 10. , Derek told Alice one of his invariable jokes and thus avoided the confession.
 - Pressed
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- 11. A white shawl around the girl's shoulders made her look like a Greek goddess.
 - having been wrapped
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- 12. Alice didn't like her Biology classes; she thought they were .
 - bored
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- 13. control of his car on an icy road, the driver hit a tree.
 - Having lost
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- 14. by the beauty of the girl's face, Lester didn't notice that she was sitting in a wheelchair.
 - Fascinating
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- 15. I am . Let's do something. How about going to a movie?
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2. You must **eating / to eat / eat** lots of fresh vegetables.
3. I would rather **learn / learning / to learn** French than Spanish.
4. He is tired of **to work / working / work** in that office.
5. I have decided **to have / having / have** a party next weekend.
6. We managed **repair / repairing / to repair** the roof.
7. He advised me **wear / wearing / to wear** warm clothes.
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