

Discovery Present Participial Phrases, Jan. 8, 2014 // Name: _____ Class: _____

- Participial phrases are excellent for adding **complexity** to your writing. Use them often!
- For one additional class color, underline the participial phrases and double underline the participles.
- Most of your participial phrases begin the sentence ("the 1st position"), but 5 are in the "2nd position" (after the subject and before the verb). Find 3 phrases in the 2nd position.

Green: Dying in the hospital, Johnny whispered his last words to Ponyboy as he fell into endless sleep. -- Ansel // Sleeping in the church, Ponyboy and Johnny woke to the sound of a door creaking open and gratefully smiled at their friend Dally who had just entered. -- Andes // Staring at the burning church, Ponyboy sprang out of the car and ran towards the building. -- Jamie // Running away from home, Soda felt his heart finally burst after the many heated conversations between Ponyboy and Darry. -- Jeb // Strolling away from the Socs, Ponyboy desperately tried to get away unnoticed, so they wouldn't jump him. -- Maria // Ponyboy, anticipating Soda's running route, decided to cut him off and tackle him football style, halting his sprinting brother. -- Griffin // Realizing that he had made Soda choose sides, Ponyboy apologized and promised that he and Darry he would stop fighting. -- Amelia // Pacing worriedly in the living room, Darry thought about what was happening to Johnny and Ponyboy. -- Elliot // Standing under the streetlight, Dally raised his unloaded gun and smiled grimly and triumphantly as he was shot dead by the police. -- Nat // Remembering Johnny and Dally, Ponyboy decided to write his theme about the less fortunate side of town. -- Melissa

Blue: Walking back to the movie, Pony and Cherry talked about Pony's family and they got to know each other better. -- Steph // Racing toward the rumble, the gang felt pumped and ready to fight. -- Claire // Quivering throughout his whole body, Ponyboy quickly lost energy in his legs and sank to his knees after Johnny's eyes lost life. -- Rona // Dashing into a hazardous, flaming church, Johnny and Ponyboy valiantly saved the children, but Johnny suffered a terribly burned and broken back. -- Soham // Jumping up from the table, Sodapop dashed violently out of the house. -- Colleen // Hoping Darry and Pony would stop fighting, Soda ran as fast as he could away from the house. -- Gabe // Sprinting after Soda in the lot, Pony definitely wanted to catch him. -- Ayush // Pony, gazing into the setting sun, wondered if things in his town would ever be different. -- Emmet // Not knowing what to do after hearing the teacher, Ponyboy ran fiercely into the fire to save the kids who were stuck in the burning church. -- Shirin // Passing by the bleach in the country store, Johnny figured that it would be useful for disguising themselves. -- Sean // Washing his hair in the cold pump water, Johnny shivered and his teeth chattered. -- Jessica // Killing poor and violent Bob in an evil and cruel way, Johnny had at least saved Ponyboy from drowning in the fountain. -- Rachel // Struggling to get into the crumbling, burning building, Jerry attempted to enter through a broken window, ultimately getting stuck due to his obesity. -- Katrina // Hearing the kids' painful cries, Ponyboy selflessly decided to jump into the burning church to save the trapped children. -- Janet // Walking through the blazing fire, Johnny searched for the screaming children before the flames reached them. -- Arielle // Eating a donut, Jerry hoped the heroic kid would get better. -- Nico

Red: Thinking that it was the weekend, Pony rolled over and tried to shut off his alarm. -- Alexa W. // Holding Ponyboy down into the fountain, Bob suddenly got stabbed in the chest by Johnny. -- Luca // Combing through his luscious hair, Pony desperately tried to make himself look like his role model, Luca Arshad. -- Brennan // Sprinting away from his house, Pony madly made for the lot that Johnny was in after Darry hit him. -- Sylvie // Waiting stealthily in the dense bushes, Bob and the boys stood on the tip of their toes as Johnny appeared around the corner. -- Kevin // Attempting to disguise themselves, Ponyboy and Johnny shaved their long "tuff" hair and opted for a short clean haircut. -- Claire // Running through the empty lot, Dally ran into the light, pulled out his heater and anticipated the bullets hitting him. -- Evan Wu // Sodapop, waiting for Pony to come home, cried at the thought of his brother being dead. -- Becca // Dally, trying to cope with Johnny's death, robbed a grocery store and called Darry for help. -- Laura // Running down the street, Ponyboy attempted to avoid the oncoming car filled with clean-cut, angry Socs. -- Brianna // Sensing the red Corvair closing in on him, Ponyboy started to pick up the pace and speed walk. -- Reina // Not thinking about the risk, Ponyboy ran into the burning building to save the children. -- Tihan

Yellow: Hitting Ponyboy in the back, Dally tried to put out the flames after Ponyboy got out of the burning building. -- Jasper // Lying in the lot, Ponyboy and Johnny reminisced about the countryside and his parents, and then fell deeply asleep. -- James // Assuming he was strong enough, Ponyboy begged Darry to let him fight the Socs at the rumble. -- Daphne // Struggling to breathe with his head underwater, Ponyboy tried his hardest to escape the Soc's tight hold. -- Jane // Walking down the sidewalk, Ponyboy hoped not to see any Socs on his way back from the theater. -- Sandhya // Expecting trouble to come after them, Johnny and Ponyboy hurriedly fled the town after the accidental murder of Bob. -- Franklin // Risking his own life, Ponyboy quickly ran into the burning church to save the scared school kids. -- Ashley // Drowning in the fountain, Ponyboy struggled to wiggle free from David's tight grip. -- Charlie // Walking through the park, Ponyboy needed to cool off after Darry hit him. -- Emily // Jumping into the burning building, Ponyboy and Johnny rushed to save the kids in danger before the roof caved in. -- Ian // Realizing he was late, Dally started to run to the rumble as fast as he possibly could. -- Danny // Running from the cops, Dally pulled out his empty gun and raised it up in the air. -- Eric // Running into the burning building, Ponyboy hustled to rescue the five children trapped inside. -- Nabil // Shaking from fear, Johnny and Ponyboy stood on Buck Merrill's front doorstep in hopes that Dally could help them. -- Grace // Cartwheeling out of their home, Ponyboy and the Curtis brothers got ready for the big rumble. -- Seb // Stepping into the bright sunlight, Ponyboy only had two things on his mind: Paul Newman and a ride home. -- Alexa

Participial phrases begin with a _____. (participle or participial)

Positions of Participial Phrases:

1st position: before the subject

***Dying in the hospital,** Johnny managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.”*

2nd position: after the subject and before the verb

*Johnny, **dying in the hospital,** managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.”*

3rd position: after the verb

*Johnny managed to whisper to Pony “Stay gold, Pony, stay gold.” and then sank into his pillow, **dying there in the quiet room.***

Which is the best position for this participial phrase?

“swinging from the trees”

(1st) **we** (2nd) **watched the monkeys** (3rd)

1. Clams were **squirting** seawater on our legs as we walked along the ocean.

2. The **squirting** clams made our legs wet as we walked by the ocean’s edge at low tide.

3. **Squirting** cold seawater on our legs, the clams definitely had an attitude.

*All three “squirting” words are participles (-ing words made from verbs). Which begins a **participial phrase**? Which is just an **adjective**? Which is a working as a **verb**?*