

Participial Phrases – Practice Worksheet

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10 Points Grammar

What Is a Participial Phrase?

A **participial phrase** begins with a **participle** (a verb ending in **-ing** or **-ed** or another past participle form) and includes any modifiers or complements. These phrases **act as adjectives**, describing nouns or pronouns.

Examples:

- **Running through the field**, the dog barked excitedly.
→ *Participial phrase: **Running through the field*** (describes "dog")
 - The girl **sitting by the window** is my sister.
→ *Participial phrase: **sitting by the window*** (describes "girl")
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Part A – Identify the Participial Phrase

Underline the participial phrase in each sentence. Then, **circle** the noun it modifies.

1. The cat, purring softly, curled up in the chair.
 2. Walking quickly to school, James barely made it before the bell rang.
 3. The boy holding the red balloon is my cousin.
 4. Exhausted by the long hike, we collapsed at the campsite.
 5. Covered in syrup, the pancakes looked delicious.
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Part B – Create Your Own

Write your own sentence using a participial phrase to describe the noun in parentheses.

6. (dog)
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7. (teacher)

8. (car)

 **Part C – Find the Error**

Each of these sentences has a **misplaced participial phrase**. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

9. Running across the yard, the flowers were trampled by the children.

10. Barking loudly, the mailman was frightened by the dog.

 **Challenge**

11. Write a sentence with **two** participial phrases.