

ADVANCED PLUS UNIT 4

4.1 Participle clauses

1 Underline the participle clause in each sentence.

- 1 My job is to repair cars damaged in accidents.
- 2 Dancing to the music, my sister slipped and fell in front of all the guests.
- 3 Items purchased more than 30 days ago cannot be returned for a full refund.
- 4 Dripping constantly, the noise from the tap kept me awake.
- 5 Having read the good news, he grabbed the letter and threw it into the air.
- 6 My old car, rusted from years of rain, sits behind the tool shed.

2 Complete the sentences with the *present*, *past* or *perfect participle* form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 (*read*) _____ the newspaper, Janet decided to go out.
- 2 (*prepare*) _____ by her children, Eva was enjoying the luxury of breakfast in bed.
- 3 (*stop*) _____ by the police for speeding, Matthew searched for his driving licence.
- 4 (*spend*) _____ all his own money, Frank asked his brother for a loan.
- 5 (*want*) _____ to catch up with old friends, Mary organised a Sunday brunch.
- 6 (*build*) _____ by hand, the cupboards looked perfect in the newly decorated kitchen.

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Make a participle clause from the phrases in *italics*.

- 1 *He was working on a complex project* and he was extremely stressed.
_____, he was extremely stressed.
- 2 *The old woman sat at the bedroom window* and watched people walk by.
_____, the old woman watched people walk by.
- 3 *When I had lost some weight* I was able to fit into my old suit.
_____, I was able to fit into my old suit.
- 4 *We were surprised by the rain shower* and had to hurry inside.
_____, we had to hurry inside.
- 5 Anna recognised the place immediately *because she had been there once before*.
Anna recognised the place immediately, _____.

4.2 Introductory *it* and *there*

1 Match sentence halves 1–5 with a)–e).

- 1 It's you
 - 2 It's no coincidence
 - 3 It's a mistake
 - 4 It upsets
 - 5 It was
- a) to interfere in your children's lives.
b) that we ran into each other at the library.
c) my brother who won. I didn't enter the competition.
d) I should thank for the lovely gift.
e) me to think that she's all alone.

2 Complete the sentences with the best options a), b) or c).

- 1 _____ a good bakery on the corner.
a) There is b) There have been c) There are
- 2 _____ be a problem with her car. It's being repaired.
a) There appears b) There appears to c) There's
- 3 _____ many stories told about that old house on the hill.
a) There was b) There have been c) There is
- 4 _____ nothing more to say about it.
a) There's b) There be c) There are
- 5 _____ no harm in trying, you know.
a) There to b) There have been c) There's
- 6 She'd like _____ be three wedding cakes.
a) there b) there to c) there are

3 Complete the sentences with *it* or *there*.

- 1 _____ is so easy to find fault with others.
- 2 _____ is no harm in asking her for advice.
- 3 _____ is some fresh, cold milk in the refrigerator.
- 4 _____ was strange that she never said hello to anyone.
- 5 Is _____ anyone who can help me with this?
- 6 To be honest, _____ was no surprise that he lost his job.
- 7 _____ is no wrong answer to the question.
- 8 _____ is claimed that the fire had started by accident.
- 9 What weird weather for December. _____ is too hot to wear a coat.
- 10 I didn't expect _____ to be so many people in the audience today.