



PARTICIPLE CLAUSES

Why do celebrities use fake names?

Do stars use their real names when travelling?

In short, no. In fact, stars ¹registered at hotels under their real name are a rarity – their day can be ruined by paparazzi ²trying to take their pictures and members of the public ³seeking autographs. So if you're going to change your name, why not have fun doing it? Names ⁴involving wordplay are common: Britney Spears uses Ms Alotta Warmheart among other names, and Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston, ⁵married in 2000 but divorced five years later, used to call themselves Mr and Mrs Ross Vegas. And the fun doesn't end there – George Clooney travelled ⁶using the name Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'It was funny, the hotel staff had to call me Mr Schwarzenegger, ⁷knowing, of course, I wasn't him,' said Clooney.

1. Look at the participle clauses in bold in the article. Then complete the rules.

Rules:

- 1 A participle clause begins with either a _____ or a _____.
- 2 Some types of participle clause can replace a relative clause. There are five examples in the text: numbers _____.
- 3 A participle clause beginning with a _____ is active in meaning and a clause beginning with a _____ is passive.

2. Compare each pair of sentences below and choose the correct alternative to complete the rule.

- 1 a) Names which involve wordplay are common.
b) Names involving wordplay are common.
- 2 a) When George Clooney travelled, he used the name Arnold Schwarzenegger.
b) George Clooney travelled using the name Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Rules:

- 1 When a relative clause has a verb in the present simple, the participle clause uses a *present participle / the present simple*.
- 2 When two actions happen at the same time and have *the same / a different* subject, they can be joined by using a participle clause.

3. PRACTICE

Rewrite the sentences using a participle clause

- 1 People who take photos should ask their subjects' permission first.
- 2 Films that are based on books are usually disappointing.
- 3 It's great to see rock stars in their sixties who still play concerts.
- 4 Architecture which was designed in the 1960s is generally quite ugly and ought to be pulled down.
- 5 Photos of people who are posing for the camera don't work as well as spontaneous pictures.
- 6 Film and TV stars who appear in the theatre attract huge audiences.
- 7 Jokes which involve racial stereotypes are not funny.
- 8 Photos which have been altered to make celebrities look thinner should be banned.