Participle Clauses

I. Rewrite the sentences, explaining what the present participle clause means.

Opening her handbag, she took out some money.
She _____
Entering the room, he switched on the light.
When he _____
Being only five years old, the boy didn't know what to do.
Because he _____
Driving to work, I heard the terrible news on the radio.
While I was _____

II. Rewrite the sentences replacing the part in italics with a present participle

1. *She was talking to her friend* and forgot everything around her.
2. *Since we watch the news every day* we know what's going on in the world.
3. *They are vegetarians* and don't eat meat.
4. *The dog wagged its tail* and bit the postman.
5. *While she was tidying up her room* she found some old photos.
6. *He was a good boy* and helped his mother in the kitchen.
7. *As they didn't have enough money* they spent their holidays at home last year.
8. *The man was sitting in the cafe.* Was he reading a paper?

III. Rewrite the sentences replacing the part in italics with a perfect participle.

1. *The boy asked his mother's permission* and then went out to play.
2. *As he had drunk too much*, he didn't drive home himself.
3. *We have written two tests today*, so we are very exhausted.
4. *She filled the washing machine* and switched it on.
5. *She had been to the disco the night before* and overslept in the morning.
6. *She had not slept for two days* and therefore wasn't able to concentrate.
7. *Since I had not seen him for ages*, I didn't recognize him.

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IV. Combine the clauses using participle constructions.

1. The boy who carried a blue parcel crossed the street.
2. The battle was fought at this place. The battle was very significant.
3. She lay in her bed and wept bitter tears.
4. The books which were sent to us are for my aunt.
5. She stood at the corner and talked to her friends.
6. The children went from house to house. They played trick or treat.
7. He was very tall. He became a basketball player.
8. He was waiting in the hall. He overheard a conversation.
9. The picture which was stolen from a museum was offered on Ebay.
10. The song which was sung last night is still in my head.
11. We were sitting in the bus shelter and waited for the rain to stop.
12. The documentation which was telecast last Tuesday was impressive.
13. We had great fun at the party. We played silly games.
14. He had saved a little money. He travelled to Australia.
15. They were chatting along and didn't see the car coming.
16. The reception had been prepared carefully and was a great success.
17. He was picked up by his mother and didn't have to wait for the bus.
18. She had finished her degree and started to work for an international company.
19. She was listening to the radio and didn't hear the doorbell.
20. The room had not been tidied up yet and looked like a battlefield.

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