

## PARTICIPLE CLAUSE – PREPOSITIONS WITH DATA AND NUMBER

### Task 1. Rewrite this story by using “Participle clause”

(1) We left at 6 am and we headed north.

= \_\_\_\_\_, we headed north.

(2) We didn't want to waste time, so we walked up the steep valley which led to the foothills.

= \_\_\_\_\_, we walked up the steep valley \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) Once we'd reached the top of those, we saw the much higher peaks ahead.

= \_\_\_\_\_, we saw the much higher peaks ahead.

(4) They were covered in snow and looked forbidding.

= \_\_\_\_\_, they looked forbidding.

(5) We came to a river where we crossed a stone bridge, which was built centuries ago.

= \_\_\_\_\_ we crossed a stone bridge, \_\_\_\_\_.

(6) After another hour, because we were feeling hungry, we stopped for a snack.

= After another hour, \_\_\_\_\_, we stopped for a snack.

(7) There were dark clouds over the peaks. As we realised that would mean more snow, we discussed it.

= There were dark clouds over the peaks. \_\_\_\_\_, we discussed it.

(8) After we'd decided to carry on, we continued our trek uphill.

= \_\_\_\_\_, we continued our trek uphill.

(9) When I look back at that moment, I sometimes wonder whether that was the right decision if one bears in mind what followed.

= \_\_\_\_\_, I wonder whether that was the right decision if one bears in mind what followed.

But climbing is about taking risks, and we all survived to tell the tale.

### Task 2. Choose the correct answer. Write A, B or C.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the jungle, George had to find the way out on his own.

A. Lost

B. Having lost

C. Losing

2. Waiting for the doctor, \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Dave read a magazine

B. a big noise scared everybody

C. the alarm went off

3. \_\_\_\_\_, our pottery will last for generations.

A. You treat with care

B. Treated with care

C. Treating with care

4. \_\_\_\_\_ in Denmark, he could speak Danish perfectly well.

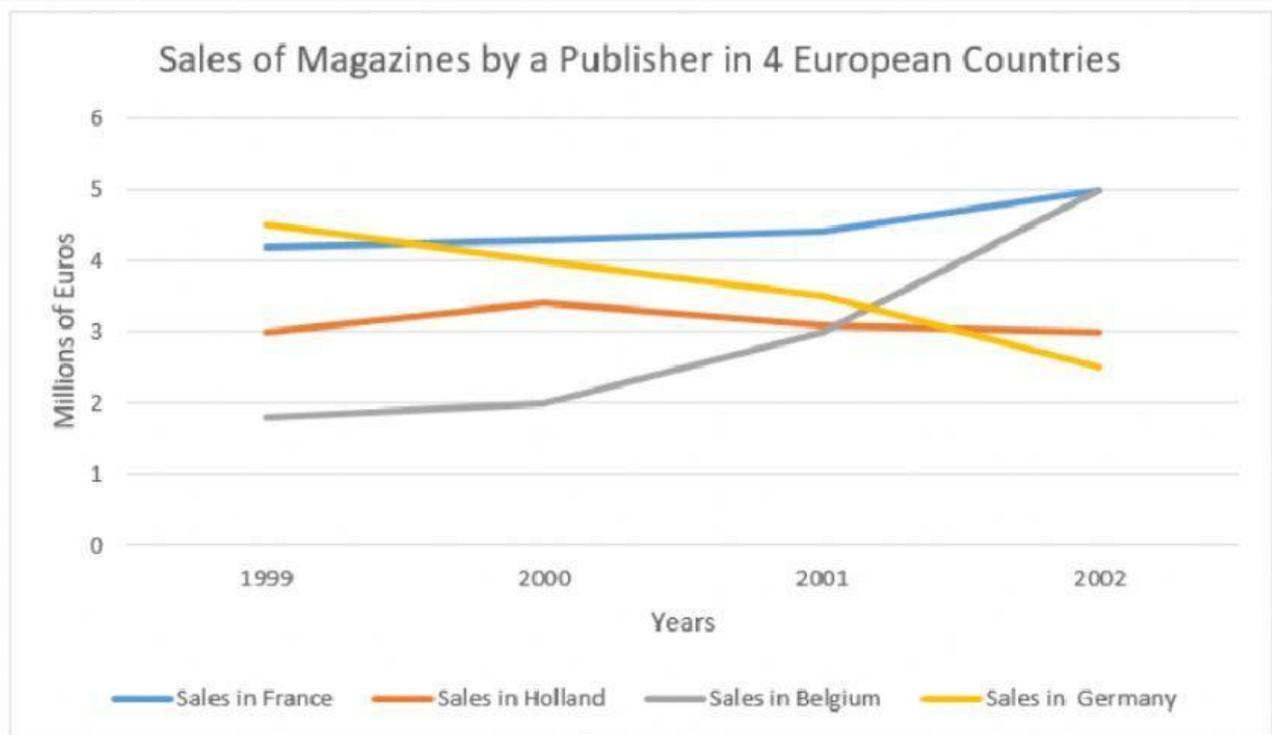
- A. Having spent his childhood  
 B. Spent his childhood  
 C. Spending his childhood
5. \_\_\_\_\_ by their optimism, he invested a lot in the company.  
 A. Persuading                      B. Having persuaded                      C. Persuaded
6. \_\_\_\_\_ for her, he lost his patience.  
 A. Waited                      B. Having waited                      C. Waiting
7. \_\_\_\_\_, she didn't mention her daughter's promotion.  
 A. Not wishing to boast              B. Her not wishing to boast              C. Alice not wishing to boast
8. The company closed for a year of renovations, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. the boss leaving many employees looking for work.  
 B. leaving many employees looking for work.  
 C. left many employees looking for work.
9. \_\_\_\_\_, he had a long holiday.  
 A. Having finished the novel              B. The novel finished              C. The writer having finished the novel
10. \_\_\_\_\_ with his daughter's behaviour, he bought her sweets.  
 A. Her daddy pleased                      B. Pleased                      C. Having pleased
11. \_\_\_\_\_, Mark retired from international competition.  
 A. Having won every major judo title  
 B. Won every major judo title  
 C. He having won every major judo title
12. \_\_\_\_\_, I feel that my training sessions are much better.  
 A. Taking my multivitamin              B. Taken my multivitamin              C. I taking my multivitamin
13. \_\_\_\_\_, the surface maintains its original appearance over time.  
 A. Cleaned with hot water and soap              B. Cleaning with hot water and soap  
 C. Having cleaned with hot water and soap
14. Which sentence is *CORRECT*?  
 A. The house being made of stone, it is quite cool in summer.  
 B. Made of stone, the house is quite cool in summer.  
 C. Making it of stone, the house is quite cool in summer.
15. \_\_\_\_\_, he heard a strange noise that came from the ceiling.

- A. Reached the top of the stairs      B. John reaching the top of the stairs      C. Reaching the top of the stairs
16. \_\_\_\_\_, he had to stay home while his friends were out having fun.
- A. Without John having any money      B. Not having any money      C. Not being had money

**Task 3. Fill in the gaps with suitable prepositions.**

*The line graph illustrates the number of magazine sales by a publisher in 4 European countries between 1999 and 2002.*

*Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.*



The line graph shows magazine sales by a single publisher from 1999 to 2002 in the four countries France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. Overall, sales in Belgium and France increased while they fell substantially in Germany.

Magazine Sales in Belgium experienced a dramatic rise \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over) the 4-year period.

They started the period \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over) just under 200,000 and then rose steadily over the next two years \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over) around 300,000. In the final year of the period, sales in Belgium rocketed \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over) 300,000 \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over) 500,000. Sales in France also experienced a rise over the period, however, it was much less pronounced than in Belgium. The figure \_\_\_\_\_ (in/at/to/from/over/for) sales in France started the period \_\_\_\_\_

**(in/at/to/from/over/for)** roughly 420,000 and finished the period \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** the same rate as in Belgium.

The other two countries shown in the data experienced less positive sales. While 1999 to 2000 saw a slight increase \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** sales in Holland \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** 300,000 \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** approximately 350,000, the next year saw a decrease \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** the same level as 1999 and this didn't change in the final year of the period. Sales in Germany started the period as the highest out of all of the four countries \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** 450,000 but this number fell steadily \_\_\_\_\_ **(in/at/to/from/over/for)** around 250,000, the lowest of all four countries, by the end of the period.