

## ADVANCED 3 UNIT 6

### GRAMMAR

#### Part 2: Participle clauses

Participle clauses do not include a subject. They are used to avoid repetition and shorten complex sentences. They are commonly found in written texts such as reports and essays.

##### Present participle clauses

The present participle substitutes for the subject and a different form of the verb:  
Because he was a little shy ... → Being a little shy ...

##### Past participle clauses

The past participle is substituted for the subject and the verb be:  
James was woken by a noise, so he ... → Woken by a noise, James ...

##### Perfect participle clauses

The perfect participle substitutes for the subject and a verb in a perfect form:  
Because she hadn't understood the question, ... → Not having understood the question, ...

##### Position of *not*

Not always comes at the beginning of the participle clause:  
Not knowing what else to do, I called the police.

**1 Look at** the transformations. There's a mistake in each one.

**Find** the mistake and **correct** it.

a Because I'm so shy, I hate going to parties where I don't know anybody.  
Because being shy, I hate going to parties where I don't know anybody.

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b Now that I've finished college, I'm looking for a job.  
Finishing college, I'm now looking for a job.

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c I was impressed by the publicity, so I signed up for this course.  
Impressing by the publicity, I signed up for this course.

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d I was brought up to be independent, so I hate having to follow orders.  
Having brought up to be independent, I hate having to follow orders.

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e I find it difficult to understand grammar, so I make lots of mistakes.  
Finding difficult to understand grammar, I make lots of mistakes.

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**2 Make** three sentences using one clause from each box: a, b, and C.

<b>A</b>	<b>a</b>	Having left his trusty companion to keep an eye on the shiny new van,
	<b>b</b>	Waking up with a jump,
	<b>c</b>	Numbed by the efficiency of his new air-conditioning system,
<b>B</b>	<b>d</b>	he's often spotted scouring the streets between deliveries,
	<b>e</b>	Willy sat up to greet his owner
	<b>f</b>	Mr. X returned from dinner to find
<b>C</b>	<b>g</b>	and barked with excitement.
	<b>h</b>	that his new mode of transportation had been completely remodeled.
	<b>i</b>	under the protection of a warm blanket.

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Rewrite** the sentences using participle clauses.

a When I graduated from college, I went on a long vacation.

b Because I live alone, I don't really do a lot of cooking.

c I don't eat candy because I'm on a diet.

d I like to spend the weekends relaxing when I'm tired after a long week at work.

**4 Work** with your partner. **Look at** the sentences and **add not** if necessary.

a Discouraged by the long climb ahead of them, they set off at dawn

b Wanting to offend people, they decided to extend the guest list to include both family and friends.

c Having completed the form, please send it, with a photograph, to the address below.

d Knowing that arriving on time would make a very bad impression, he left with plenty of time to spare.