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 theverb:
Because he was a little shy … ➔ Being a litte 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.

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

A_____

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B_____

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C_____

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3 Rewrite the sentences using participle clauses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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