

PARTICIPLE CLAUSES

PRESENT PARTICIPLE (-ING)

Listening carefully, I was able to understand what she said.
When dancing with my friend, I feel happy.

To express manner,
reason, result or
time.

PAST PARTICIPLE (-ED)

Covered with melted chocolate, this fruit makes a delicious snack.
Praised by her teacher, Lucy felt happy all day.

To express a
passive meaning.

A 12 Complete 1–6 with participle clauses, using the verbs in the box. There are two extra. Listen to check.

arrive encourage feel grow up learn meet start think

The life of a polyglot

1 _____ in a family which travelled a lot, as a child Annika Simms came into contact with a wide range of different languages. 2 _____ with English, she then went on to learn French, German, Russian, and Turkish. She now speaks more than 15 languages. 3 _____ by her parents when she was a child, she would often make friends and 'tune in' to the language they used. '4 _____ in a new country,' says Annika, 'my parents would first teach me a few phrases. When 5 _____ other kids, I would try these out, and then gradually pick up more and more of the language. It became easier and easier everywhere we went.' 6 _____ confident in her language abilities, Annika now works as an interpreter for the UN.

