Name _____ Participles

Participles and Participial Phrases

A participle is a verb form that can be used as an adjective.

EXAMPLE: The barking dog annoyed the neighbors.

A participial phrase is a group of words that includes the participle and it modifiers and complements. A participial phrase is used as an adjective.

EXAMPLE: The flowers grown by Wanda are beautiful.

DIRECTIONS: Circle each participle used as an adjective. If it is part of a participial phrase, underline the phrase.

1. Iced in white, the cookies looked like snowmen.

2. The complaining man was introduced to the manager.

3. Listening to music, she walked briskly down the street.

4. Opening the package, she gasped.

5. The squealing little children were enjoying themselves.

6. Reading a book, Helen spent the whole day on the sofa.

7. Yawning, Kelly made her way to bed.

8. Sitting up uncomfortably, Joe tried to get some sleep.

9. Crouched on the carpet, the cat looked warily around the room.

10. Regretting her decision, she watched her daughter go.

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