

## Participles

Reminder: A verb tells you what the subject in the sentence is doing or being.

Verbs exist in many forms. One of these forms is the participle.

A participle is a verb form that exists at the present and future tense. It is either used as an adjective or with the verb *to be* to make other verb tenses. (C'est ton participe présent et participe passé en français.)

Ex:

Participle used as an adjective → The child ran to his **loving** father.

Participle used to form another verb tense → I was **walking** alone. (past continuous)

Take the verb *to live*. Its present participle is *living*. To form a present participle, you add *-ing*. There are little changes to the spelling of the root verb (infinitive) if it does not end in a consonant. *live* → *living*: drop the “e” before adding *-ing*; *work* → *working*: add *ing*; Sometimes, if the infinitive ends in a consonant, it must be doubled for the participle. *plan* → *planning*

Its past participle is *lived*. To form a past participle, you add *-ed* (or *-d* if the verb ends in an “e”). *live* → *lived*: add *-d*; *work* → *worked*: add *-ed*; Sometimes, if the infinitive ends in a consonant, it must be doubled for the participle. *plan* → *planned*

A. Form the present participle of the following verbs.

1. to whisper \_\_\_\_\_
2. to run \_\_\_\_\_
3. to sing \_\_\_\_\_
4. to laugh \_\_\_\_\_
5. to drink \_\_\_\_\_
6. to travel \_\_\_\_\_

B. Form the past participle of the following verbs.

1. to clean \_\_\_\_\_
2. to show \_\_\_\_\_
3. to plant \_\_\_\_\_
4. to play \_\_\_\_\_
5. to plan \_\_\_\_\_

6. to burn \_\_\_\_\_

C. Determine if the participle used in the sentence (it is in bold) is used as an adjective or a verb. **Write adjective or verb** on the line.

1. The **towering** pines are the tallest trees in the forest. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The **frozen** river is not always safe to cross. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ingrid was **running** as fast as she could. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cory was the only **surviving** passenger in the wreck. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The kitchen was **cleaned** only yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The **dedicated** writer will eventually get published. \_\_\_\_\_