

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_