

Basics. Advanced Participle Clauses: -ing and -ed

Hard

B2 | Upper Intermediate

Clause

Complex sentence

Negation

Participle

Phrase

Relative clause

Sentence

Subject

Verb

Passive voice

Perfect tense

1. Complete the sci-fi author's manuscript by choosing the logically and grammatically correct continuation to avoid a "dangling participle."

Realizing the time machine was completely out of fuel, _____.

Select one.

- A) a sudden feeling of panic washed over Professor Higgins.
- B) the control panels were frantically smashed by Professor Higgins.
- C) Professor Higgins frantically searched his pockets for spare plutonium.
- D) it became terrifyingly obvious to Professor Higgins that he was stuck.

2. Complete the food critic's dramatic review of a catastrophic restaurant opening by choosing the best participle phrase for each gap.

_____ under the dessert cart, the head chef refused to come out and face the angry customers.

_____ completely raw chicken, we simply stared at the waiter in absolute disbelief.

_____ by the sheer chaos of the evening, I decided to cancel my order and grab a slice of pizza on the way home.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) Hiding
- B) Hidden
- C) Having been hidden

Blank 2

- A) Having been served
- B) Having served
- C) Serving

Blank 3

- A) Overwhelmed
- B) Overwhelming
- C) Having overwhelmed

3. Read the HR manager's memo about the recent breakroom chaos. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

- A) The printer, jammed with a half-eaten sandwich, finally caught fire.
- B) Anyone caught microwaving fish in the breakroom will face immediate suspension.
- C) Left on the desk overnight, Bob bravely ate the mysterious sandwich.
- D) The sandwich eating by the intern caused a massive company-wide scandal.

4. Help Detective Clouseau finish his rather embarrassing official report by selecting the correct participle forms for each gap.

_____ by a remarkably aggressive goose, I unfortunately dropped my magnifying glass into the pond.

_____ to admit defeat, I attempted to negotiate with the angry bird.

_____ my dignity and my wet shoes, I looked up to realize the actual suspect had escaped in a taxi.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) Chasing
- B) Chased
- C) Having chased

Blank 2

- A) Not wanting
- B) Not wanted
- C) Having not wanted

Blank 3

- A) Finally recovered
- B) Recovering finally
- C) Having finally recovered

5. Help the clumsy baker complete the tragic tale of the exploding dessert by selecting the correct phrase.

The giant five-tier wedding cake suddenly collapsed, ____ months of careful planning in a matter of seconds.

Select one.

- A) ruining
- B) ruined
- C) having ruined
- D) to ruin

6. Help the magical academy's headmaster review the incident report. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use participle clauses.

Select all that apply.

- A) Having added too much frog extract, the wizard accidentally blew up the cauldron.
- B) Added too much frog extract, the cauldron accidentally blew up.
- C) Startled by the sudden explosion, the wizard dropped his wand.
- D) Startling by the sudden explosion, the wand was dropped by the wizard.

7. Help an angry food critic finish their scathing restaurant review by choosing the correct participle phrase.

____ to wait in the freezing rain for over an hour, the disgruntled customers finally gave up and went home.

Select one.

- A) Having been forced
- B) Having forced
- C) Forcing
- D) To force

8. Play the role of an editor checking a food critic's highly dramatic restaurant review. Select ALL the sentences where the participle clause correctly matches the subject of the main sentence.

Select all that apply.

- A) Disgusted by the undercooked chicken, the critic immediately demanded to see the chef.
- B) Walking into the kitchen, the floor was completely covered in grease.
- C) Having waited an hour for a glass of water, we finally decided to eat elsewhere.
- D) Served on a dirty plate, I refused to eat the expensive pasta.