

Present Participle vs Past Participle Worksheet (Text-Based)

Exercise 1 – Text: A Busy Morning

Fill in the gaps with the correct **present participle (-ing)** or **past participle** of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday morning was very _____ (stress) because I had a lot of homework.
My teacher gave us a _____ (challenge) assignment that everyone found _____ (confuse).

While I was _____ (work) on the assignment, my friend sent me a message. I was completely _____ (surprise) by the news.

After finishing the homework, I saw a _____ (break) chair in the classroom and some papers _____ (scatter) on the floor.

Exercise 2 – Text: The Haunted House

Complete the text with the correct participles.

Last weekend we visited a very old house. It was said to be _____ (haunt).
Inside, we found several _____ (dust) furniture pieces and a _____ (creak) floor.

Some walls were covered with _____ (paint) portraits, and we saw a few _____ (sit) cats near the fireplace.

The visitors looked _____ (frighten), but the guide seemed _____ (interest) in explaining the history of the house.

Exercise 3 – Text: Nature Hike

Fill in the correct participle.

During our hike, we saw a _____ (fall) tree across the path. The hikers were _____ (stand) around it, trying to find a way past.

We walked along a _____ (flow) river, listening to the _____ (sing) birds in the trees.

Some of the hikers were very _____ (tire), but the scenery was _____ (amaze) and made everyone happy.

Exercise 4 – Choose the Correct Participle

1. The book was very (**exciting** / **excited**).
2. The students looked (**confusing** / **confused**) after the test.

3. The teacher gave an (**interesting / interested**) lecture.
4. The leaves on the ground were (**falling / fallen**).
5. She felt (**relaxing / relaxed**) after the long walk.
6. The dog, _____ (bark) loudly, ran across the garden.
7. The window, _____ (break) by the storm, was quickly repaired.

Exercise 5 – Rewrite Using Participles (Advanced)

Rewrite the sentences using **reduced relative clauses / participle clauses**.

1. The man who was standing at the corner looked suspicious.
→ The man _____ looked suspicious.
2. The letter that was sent yesterday has not arrived yet.
→ The letter _____ has not arrived yet.
3. The girl who is reading a book is my sister.
→ The girl _____ is my sister.
4. The painting that was stolen last year has been recovered.
→ The painting _____ has been recovered.
5. The students who were waiting for the bus were tired.
→ The students _____ were tired.

Exercise 6 – Mini Text Challenge

Complete the text with the correct participles.

It was a _____ (storm) night. The wind was _____ (howl) and the rain was _____ (fall) heavily.

Some windows were _____ (break) and trees _____ (lie) across the roads.

Despite the chaos, the rescue team worked tirelessly. Many people were _____ (help) and _____ (guide) to safe places.

In the morning, the city looked _____ (calm) and _____ (peace) after the storm.