

Participle Phrases in Famous Books

Each of the following sentences appears from well-known books of our time. Complete the following tasks for each of the following sentences:

- highlight the participle phrase or phrases
- re-write the entire sentence by moving the participle phrase(s) to another location in the sentence
- explain how changing the location of the participle phrase changed the meaning

1) “Pinching his nose, Harry drank the potion down in two large gulps.”

- J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Rewrite:

How the meaning changed:

2) “One time, when I was in a blind in a tree, waiting motionless for game to wander by, I dozed off and fell ten feet to the ground, landing on my back.”

- Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games*

Rewrite:

How the meaning changed:

3) "Having lived in Montana, they were accustomed to dealing with flats."

- Carl Hiaasen, *Hoot*

Rewrite:

How the meaning changed:

4) "Thomas felt a wire of nervousness tighten inside him, pinching his gut."

- James Dashner, *The Maze Runner*

Rewrite:

How the meaning changed:

5) "Narrowing his beady eyes, he read the title of one of the books."

- Lemony Snicket, *The Bad Beginning*

Rewrite:

How the meaning changed:
