

Participles and Participial Phrases

You need a sheet of paper on your desk
and something to write with.

Discuss which sentence is more interesting.

The climber ascended the mountain.

Scrambling and grasping, the climber ascended the mountain.



To use a participle, just add an *ing* verb onto a sentence.

Participle: an *ing* or verb added onto a sentence

Example:

Squealing excitedly, the new puppy jumped around all the toys.

Let's Make Some Participles!

**Make a list of 10 verbs
that end in -ing, like
running and jumping.**

**For each participle in
your list, add a few
words to it, like this:**

Now turn those verbs into phrases!

Verb + <i>ing</i>	+ <i>phrase</i>
Running	through the fire...
Jumping	over the laundry...

Go ahead and do this to the ten words in your list!

Now turn those participle phrases
into sentences!

Verb + <i>ing</i>	+ <i>phrase</i>	+ <i>sentence</i>
Running	through the fire,	I went on to the next challenge!
Jumping	over the laundry,	I reached the overflowing washing machine!

Go ahead and do this to the ten
phrases in your list!

Trade papers with a partner and share what you wrote.

Participles can *begin* a sentence:

Swimming in the lake, my labrador reached the tennis ball and brought it back.

Amazing sentence with one *ing* participial phrase:

Hearing it rumbling in the distance, Juan and I knew the storm was coming.

Amazing sentence with two *ing* participial phrases:

Leaping off the stump, soaring through the air,
the frog landed on the log.

Cool sentence with two participles only:

Skipping and hopping, Arianna made it to school today.

Amazing sentence with two *ing* participial phrases:

Skipping along the sidewalk, hopping over the median, Arianna made it to school.

In all those example sentences we just looked at, what did you notice about the commas?

Where do they go? How are they used?

Participles can *INTERRUPT* a sentence:

My labrador, swimming in the lake, reached the tennis ball and brought it back.

On your paper, re-write these other example sentences so that the participle phrases **INTERRUPT** the sentences.

Hearing it rumbling in the distance, Juan and I knew the storm was coming.

Leaping and soaring, the frog landed on the log.

Skipping and hopping, Arianna made it to school today.

Compare your paper with a partner to check and see if you placed the commas in the same spot in your sentences!

Did you?

Do you need to change anything?

Participles can *END* a sentence, too!

My labrador reached the tennis ball and brought it back, swimming in the lake.

On your paper, re-write these other example sentences so that the participle phrases END the sentences.

Hearing it rumbling in the distance, Juan and I knew the storm was coming.

Leaping and soaring, the frog landed on the log.

Skipping and hopping, Arianna made it to school today.

The End