

Chucky's Participle Clauses



Complete the sentences below using the present participles (gerunds) in the box.

1. They spent 3 hours building the fake bus shelter.
2. seeing a bus, she stood up.
3. feeling scared, he moved closer to his mother.
4. hearing the glass break, they jumped up.
5. seeing Chucky running after them, they ran away.
6. Not knowing that it was a joke, they were absolutely petrified.
7. holding a knife, he waited behind the sign.

seeing(x2) knowing hearing holding feeling building

We can use the present participle (gerund) in several ways:

- a. After the verbs **spend, waste** and the phrase **be busy** (1 + 8)
- b. To express **because/as/since/so** when both actions are by the same subject. (3 + 6)
- c. When two actions by the same subject happen at the same time. (7)
- d. When one action is immediately followed by another. (2 + 4 + 5)

Match the rules to the examples below:

1. They spent 3 hours **building** the fake bus shelter.
2. **Seeing** a bus, she stood up.
3. **Feeling** scared, he moved closer to his mother.
4. **Hearing** the glass break, they jumped up.
5. **Seeing** Chucky running after them, they ran away.
6. Not **knowing** that it was a joke, they were absolutely petrified.
7. he waited behind the sign, **holding** a knife.
8. He was so busy **looking** at his phone that he didn't notice Chucky behind him.

Look at the sentences, where is the participle? How does the position change for the different rules?

Change the sentences using a participle

1. He didn't know what to do so he phoned me.

Not knowing what to do, he phoned me.

2. Because it was a sunny day, we went for a picnic in the park.

It being a sunny day, we went for a picnic in the park

3. He was feeling tired, so he went to bed.

Feeling tired, he went to bed.

4. Joe walked into the room. He was whistling a song.

Joe walked into the room **whistling** a song.

5. He opened the door. He was carrying a gun.

He opened the door, **carrying** a gun,

6. Because he was a genius he found the exam easy.

Being a genius, he found the exam easy.

7. He saw the teacher coming so he hid the chewing gum.

Seeing the teacher coming, he hid the chewing gum

Perfect Participle clauses

- Because I have visited Rome before, I know the best places to go.

Having visited Rome before, I know the best places to go

- After brushing my teeth I went to bed.

Having brushed my teeth, I went to bed.

Change these sentences to use a perfect participle (have + past participle)

We can use a perfect participle to change:

- Sentences in the present or past perfect instead of **as/since/because/so** etc.
- To replace time expressions like **after**.

- After finishing her homework she watched some TV.

Having finished her homework, she watched some TV

- I had seen the film before so I didn't find it scary.

Having seen the film before, I didn't find it scary.

- I didn't eat any of the pasta because I had already eaten.

Having already eaten, I didn't eat any of the pasta.

- I had never been to that part of town so I was a little apprehensive.

Having never been to that part of town, I was a little apprehensive.

- As she'd been pickpocketed twice before she was more careful this time.

Having been pickpocketed twice before, she was more careful this time.

A Horror Story

Finish the sentences to make your own horror story.

Being an experienced vampire hunter,_____.

Feeling thirsty for blood,_____.

Having reloaded his shotgun,_____.

Seeing the zombies running towards him,_____.

Never having fired a gun before,_____.

Having run out of bullets,_____.

