

USING PARTICIPLES TO JOIN SENTENCES*

Join each of the following pairs of sentences, using either a present participle e.g. *knowing*, a past participle e.g. *known*, or a perfect participle e.g. *having known*.

e.g. *He got off his horse. He began searching for something on the ground.*

Getting off his horse, he began searching...

I had seen photographs of the place, I had no desire to go there.

Having seen photographs of the place, I had no desire...

The speaker refused to continue. He was infuriated by the interruptions.

Infuriated by the interruptions, the speaker refused...

- 1 I knew that he was poor. I offered to pay his fare.
- 2 We barricaded the windows. We assembled in the hall.
- 3 She became tired of my complaints about the programme. She turned it off.
- 4 He found no one at home. He left the house in a bad temper.
- 5 She hoped to find the will. She searched everywhere.
- 6 The criminal removed all traces of his crime. He left the building.
- 7 He realized that he had missed the last train. He began to walk.
- 8 He was exhausted by his work. He threw himself on his bed.
- 9 He had spent all his money. He decided to go home and ask his father for a job.
- 10 He escaped from prison. He looked for a place where he could get food.
- 11 She didn't want to hear the story again. She had heard it all before.
- 12 They found the treasure. They began quarrelling about how to divide it.
- 13 She entered the room suddenly. She found them smoking.
- 14 I turned on the light. I was astonished at what I saw.
- 15 We visited the museum. We decided to have lunch in the park.
- 16 He offered to show us the way home. He thought we were lost.
- 17 He found his revolver. He loaded it. He sat down facing the door.
- 18 She asked me to help her. She realized that she couldn't move it alone.
- 19 He fed the dog. He sat down to his own dinner.
- 20 He addressed the congregation. He said he was sorry to see how few of them had been able to come.
- 21 He thought he must have made a mistake somewhere. He went through his calculations again.
- 22 I have looked through the fashion magazines. I realize that my clothes are hopelessly out of date.
- 23 The tree had fallen across the road. It had been uprooted by the gale.
- 24 People were sleeping in the next room. They were wakened by the sound of breaking glass.
- 25 I knew that the murderer was still at large. I was extremely reluctant to open the door.
- 26 He stole the silver. He looked for a place to hide it.
- 27 We were soaked to the skin. We eventually reached the station.
- 28 I sat in the front row. I used a pair of binoculars. I saw everything beautifully.
- 29 One day you will be sitting by the fire. You will take down this book.
- 30 I didn't like to sit down. I knew that there were ants in the grass.
- 31 She believed that she could trust him absolutely. She gave him a blank cheque.
- 32 Slates were ripped off by the gale. They fell on people passing below.
- 33 The lion found his cage door open. He saw no sign of his keeper. He left the cage and walked slowly towards the zoo entrance.
- 34 The government once tried to tax people according to the size of their houses. They put a tax on windows.
- 35 I had heard that the caves were dangerous. I didn't like to go any further without a light.
- 36 She wore extremely fashionable clothes. She was surrounded by photographers and pressmen. She swept up to the microphone.

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