

Participle Constructions

a) Relative Clauses

Active The boy **making** a fire is outside, **smoking**.

→ Focus on the **part part**, when the relative clause is in the **active voice**.

Passive The flowers **planted** will look good in the park, **next month**.

→ Focus on the **part part**, in relative clauses in the **passive voice**.

b) Adverbial Clauses

Ray **injured** her shoulder **playing** basketball.

(She **injured** her shoulder **while** she **was playing** basketball.)

Mrs. Meyer got **sunburnt** **having** **been** in the sun for eight hours.

(Mrs. Meyer got sunburnt **after** she **had been** in the sun...)

Having **visited** very hard, Lisa **took** some time **to** read the paper.

(Because she **had** **visited** very hard, Lisa...)

Given the opportunity to **take** the job, Fido **will** take it.

(If Fido **is given** the opportunity to take it...)

→ Participle and participles in relative or actively adverbial clauses of time, reason or condition. The subject must be the same in the main clause and the subordinate clause.