

Participle Patrol

Sort describing action words by their form.

5.L.GC.1.44 "Grammar: Form and use participles. (Continue)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

PRESENT PARTICIPLES

A present participle ends in -ing. It can describe a noun.

the sparkling river

PAST PARTICIPLES

A past participle often ends in -ed, but it can have another form, such as frozen. It can describe a noun.

a frozen pond

1 SORT

8 items

Read each phrase and circle PRESENT or PAST for the participle that describes the noun.

1. the barking dog

PRESENT

PAST

2. the dripping faucet

PRESENT

PAST

3. a cracked mirror

PRESENT

PAST

4. the howling wind

PRESENT

PAST

5. a written note

PRESENT

PAST

6. a hidden path

PRESENT

PAST

7. the boiling soup

PRESENT

PAST

8. a torn map

PRESENT

PAST

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Part 2: Pick two sort items, one from each category, and explain how you knew. Part 3: Write one new example of each category.

PRESENT

PAST

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both a present participle and a past participle to describe nouns.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	the barking dog	PRESENT	Barking ends in -ing and describes dog.
2	the dripping faucet	PRESENT	Dripping ends in -ing and describes faucet.
3	a cracked mirror	PAST	Cracked is a past participle that describes mirror.
4	the howling wind	PRESENT	Howling ends in -ing and describes wind.
5	a written note	PAST	Written is an irregular past participle that describes note.
6	a hidden path	PAST	Hidden is a past participle that describes path.
7	the boiling soup	PRESENT	Boiling ends in -ing and describes soup.
8	a torn map	PAST	Torn is an irregular past participle that describes map.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PRESENT:** the buzzing bee
- **PAST:** a painted fence

Challenge: The smiling girl carried a folded blanket.

For Part 2, students should name the participle and explain its form, such as -ing for present or -ed or an irregular form for past. Accept original Part 3 examples and challenge sentences when the participles correctly describe nouns.