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

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.

ANSWER KEY # Participle Patrol

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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.

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