

Participle Jobs

Sort verb forms by the job they do.

6.L.GC.1.44 "Grammar: Form and use participles. (Master)"

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PARTICIPLE AS AN ADJECTIVE

Here, a participle describes a noun, so it does an adjective's job.

A sparkling river curved through the canyon.

PARTICIPLE IN A VERB PHRASE

Here, a participle works with a helping verb to make a verb phrase.

The actor was rehearsing backstage.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each bracketed word, then choose two items and explain how each bracketed word works in its sentence.

1. The [shivering] puppy hid beneath a chair.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

2. A [forgotten] mitten lay near the gate.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

3. The bells were [ringing] at noon.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

4. The [boiling] soup splashed onto the stove.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

5. The chef has [chopped] the onions.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

6. The windows had [frozen] overnight.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

7. [Startled] deer leaped across the road.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

8. The band is [practicing] for the concert.

ADJECTIVE

VERB

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 sentence with a participle used as an adjective and one sentence with a participle in a verb phrase. Put brackets around each participle.

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two participles, one used as an adjective and one in a verb phrase. Put brackets around both and label each category.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The [shivering] puppy hid beneath a chair.	ADJECTIVE	Shivering describes the noun puppy.
2	A [forgotten] mitten lay near the gate.	ADJECTIVE	Forgotten describes the noun mitten.
3	The bells were [ringing] at noon.	VERB	Ringings works with were in a verb phrase.
4	The [boiling] soup splashed onto the stove.	ADJECTIVE	Boiling describes the noun soup.
5	The chef has [chopped] the onions.	VERB	Chopped works with has in a verb phrase.
6	The windows had [frozen] overnight.	VERB	Frozen works with had in a verb phrase.
7	[Startled] deer leaped across the road.	ADJECTIVE	Startled describes the noun deer.
8	The band is [practicing] for the concert.	VERB	Practicing works with is in a verb phrase.

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)

- **ADJECTIVE:** A [buzzing] bee circled the lavender.
- **VERB:** The athlete was [stretching] before practice.

Challenge: The [dripping] faucet was [filling] the bucket. ADJECTIVE: dripping. VERB: filling.

For Part 2, students should explain that an adjective participle describes a noun, while a verb participle works with a helping verb. Accept correct original sentences that clearly show each participle's job.