

Exercise: Participle constructions to replace relative clauses and adverbial clauses



Rewrite the following sentences using participle constructions. What's special about the last sentence?

The pupil who was sitting next to me looked really stressed.

The pupil **sitting** next to me looked really stressed.

That morning, I saw a man who walked along the river.

That morning, I saw a man **walking** along the river.

Because they were tired of the bad weather, the family decided to finish their holiday early.

(Being) tired of the bad weather, the family decided to finish their holiday early.

We visited a city which was mentioned in our travel guide.

We visited a city **mentioned** in our travel guide.

Many of the wild animals that once lived in the USA can only be found in zoos today.

Many of the wild animals once **living** in the USA can only be found in zoos today.

When I came into the room, I realised that all my class mates were already there.

Coming into the room, I realised that all my class mates were already there.

As (“weil”)¹⁾ they had heard about the flood, many people came to help.

Having heard about the flood, many people came to help.

The films that are made about Indians are not very realistic.

The films **being made** about Indians are not very realistic.

When the plane landed in Sydney, it broke one wheel.

Landing in Sydney, the plane broke one wheel.

Although they were very fit, the basketball players got tired at the end of the match.

Although being very fit, the basketball players got tired at the end of the match.

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¹⁾

At the beginning of a sentence you don’t use “because”. Instead [stattdessen], you use “as”, “since” or “for” – all used in the same position as the word “as” in the example sentence. “as” ist the most common, “since” and “for” are more formal [förmlich]