

Participle clauses

(1) Match a beginning from the left with an ending from the right to make a sentence.

Knowing you don't like seafood	I'd have no hesitation recommending her for the job.
Angered by his hurtful remarks	I can't really give you an opinion.
Working all hours of the day and night	I've cooked some chicken too.
Having seen her work	singing loudly.
Seeing you haven't got much time	she slammed down the phone.
She was sitting on a stool	we'd better go through the figures straight away.
Not having read the book myself	he rarely has time for parties or that kind of thing.
They were walking down the street	he looked into her eyes and said, 'I love you.'
Picking up his briefcase and coat	smoking a cigarette.
Taking her in his strong arms	he left the room.

(2) Now rewrite the sentences in simple English (i.e. without participle clauses) starting with the words below so that the meaning is the same.

I've cooked some chicken because...

He picked up his briefcase and coat...

They were walking down the street...

I haven't read the book myself...

He works all hours of day and night...

She was sitting on a stool and...

He took her in his strong arms...

She was angered by his hurtful remarks...

I see you haven't got much time...

(3) Try and write sentences with participle clauses that have the same meanings as the following:

I looked straight at her and said, 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.'

I didn't want a row so I apologized immediately.

I've never met her so I can't tell you what she's like.

I've worked here for ten years, so I can tell you it's a terrible place to work.

They were standing by the side of the swimming pool and they were throwing water at each other.

I'm not the sort of person who enjoys large gatherings so I declined the invitation to the party.

I meet all nationalities in my daily work so I know quite a few words of other languages.

I've seen his report so I can give you an idea of the situation there.

I've never been to Sydney so I can hardly recommend a hotel there.