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Advanced Participle Clauses: -ing and -ed

Hard | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Clause | Complex sentence | Negation | Participle | Phrase | Relative clause | Sentence | Subject | Verb | Passive voice | Perfect tense

1. Complete the sci-fi author's manuscript by choosing the logically and grammatically correct continuation to avoid a "dangling participle."

Realizing the time machine was completely out of fuel, ____.

Select one.

A) a sudden feeling of panic washed over Professor Higgins.
B) the control panels were frantically smashed by Professor Higgins.
C) Professor Higgins frantically searched his pockets for spare plutonium.
D) it became terrifyingly obvious to Professor Higgins that he was stuck.

2. Complete the food critic's dramatic review of a catastrophic restaurant opening by choosing the best participle phrase for each gap.

_____ under the dessert cart, the head chef refused to come out and face the angry customers.

_____ completely raw chicken, we simply stared at the waiter in absolute disbelief.

_____ by the sheer chaos of the evening, I decided to cancel my order and grab a slice of pizza on the way home.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) Hiding
B) Hidden
C) Having been hidden

Blank 2

A) Having been served
B) Having served
C) Serving

Blank 3

A) Overwhelmed
B) Overwhelming
C) Having overwhelmed

3. Read the HR manager's memo about the recent breakroom chaos. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences.

Select all that apply.

A) The printer, jammed with a half-eaten sandwich, finally caught fire.
B) Anyone caught microwaving fish in the breakroom will face immediate suspension.
C) Left on the desk overnight, Bob bravely ate the mysterious sandwich.
D) The sandwich eating by the intern caused a massive company-wide scandal.

4. Help Detective Clouseau finish his rather embarrassing official report by selecting the correct participle forms for each gap.

_____ by a remarkably aggressive goose, I unfortunately dropped my magnifying glass into the pond.

_____ to admit defeat, I attempted to negotiate with the angry bird.

_____ my dignity and my wet shoes, I looked up to realize the actual suspect had escaped in a taxi.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) Chasing
B) Chased
C) Having chased

Blank 2

- **A)** Not wanting
- **B)** Not wanted
- **C)** Having not wanted

Blank 3

- **A)** Finally recovered
- **B)** Recovering finally
- **C)** Having finally recovered

5. Help the clumsy baker complete the tragic tale of the exploding dessert by selecting the correct phrase.

The giant five-tier wedding cake suddenly collapsed, ____ months of careful planning in a matter of seconds.

Select one.

- **A)** ruining
- **B)** ruined
- **C)** having ruined
- **D)** to ruin

6. Help the magical academy's headmaster review the incident report. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use participle clauses.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Having added too much frog extract, the wizard accidentally blew up the cauldron.
- **B)** Added too much frog extract, the cauldron accidentally blew up.
- **C)** Startled by the sudden explosion, the wizard dropped his wand.
- **D)** Startling by the sudden explosion, the wand was dropped by the wizard.

7. Help an angry food critic finish their scathing restaurant review by choosing the correct participle phrase.

____ to wait in the freezing rain for over an hour, the disgruntled customers finally gave up and went home.

Select one.

- **A)** Having been forced
- **B)** Having forced
- **C)** Forcing
- **D)** To force

8. Play the role of an editor checking a food critic's highly dramatic restaurant review. Select ALL the sentences where the participle clause correctly matches the subject of the main sentence.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** Disgusted by the undercooked chicken, the critic immediately demanded to see the chef.
- **B)** Walking into the kitchen, the floor was completely covered in grease.
- **C)** Having waited an hour for a glass of water, we finally decided to eat elsewhere.
- **D)** Served on a dirty plate, I refused to eat the expensive pasta.