

# Participles exercise

There are two kinds of participles - the present participle and the past participle. The present participle always ends in an -ing form. The past participle can have different endings.

Both present and past participles can be used as adjectives.

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate participle form.

1. .... a loud sound, we rushed out of the room.

Hearing  
Heard

2. The boy cried, ..... that he would be whipped.

thinking  
thought

3. .... by the rain, we took shelter under a tree.

Driven  
Driving

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4. We saw a goods train ..... with wheat.

loading  
loaded

5. .... wealth is a curse.

Ill-getting  
Ill-gotten

6. .... with grief she threw herself on the body.

Stricken  
Striking

7. .... with age the old man tottered along.

Bent  
Bending

8. A ..... stone gathers no moss.

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rolling  
rolled

9. We are fighting a ..... battle.

losing  
lost

10. Don't cry over ..... milk.

spilling  
spilt

## Answers

1. Hearing a loud sound, we rushed out of the room.
2. The boy cried, thinking that he would be whipped.
3. Driven by the rain, we took shelter under a tree.
4. We saw a goods train loaded with wheat.
5. Ill-gotten wealth is a curse.
6. Stricken with grief she threw herself on the body.

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7. Bent with age the old man tottered along.

8. A rolling stone gathers no moss.

9. We are fighting a losing battle.

10. Don't cry over spilt milk.