

# Present and past participle worksheet

There are two types of participles: present participle and past participle. The present participle form always ends in -ing. Most verbs have their past participle form ending in -ed or -en. Of course, there are several exceptions to this rule.

Both the present participle and the past participle can be used as adjectives.

Complete the following sentences with an appropriate participle.

Exercise

1. His ..... coat needs mending.

tattered  
tattering

2. A ..... stone gathers no moss.

rolling  
rolled

3. A ..... opportunity never returns.

losing  
lost

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4. He kept me .....

waiting

waited

5. She looked .....

worried

worrying

6. I saw the storm .....

approaching

approached

7. .... a noise, I turned around.

Hearing

Heard

8. Being ....., he quit his job.

dissatisfied

dissatisfying

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9. Being ..... with work, I couldn't meet them.

occupied  
occupying

10. .... by his wife, he persevered.

Encouraged  
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## Answers

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10. Encouraged by his wife, he persevered.