

STATION 2: Participle clauses instead of relative clauses

Using **participle clauses instead of relative clauses**, you **shorten sentences**. Moreover, your sentences sound more elegant which, at the same time, **improves** your **style**. Again, these *participle clauses* can have an **active** or **passive** meaning.

Examples:

meaning	clause	example
active	<u>relative clause</u>	The actor <u>who plays Harry Potter in the movies</u> is called Daniel Radcliffe.
	<u>participle clause</u> (present participle)	The actor playing <u>Harry Potter in the movies</u> is called Daniel Radcliffe.
passive	<u>relative clause</u>	The bag <u>that was stolen by a thief</u> has been found.
	<u>participle clause</u> (past participle)	The bag stolen by a thief has been found.

TASK 1:

1. Underline the **relative clauses**.
2. Substitute the relative clauses with **participle clauses**. Underline the **participle clause**.

a) I met a man who claimed to be a famous singer.

→ I met a man **claiming to be a famous singer**.

b) My sister who works as a kindergarten teacher is really happy.

→ _____

c) The film that came out yesterday is said to be good.

→ _____

d) I can't believe you don't know the brand that makes these fashionable clothes.

→ _____

e) He hadn't known the cake that was made of avocados and chocolate before.

→ _____

TASK 2:

1. Use a **participle clause** to make **one sentence** out of two.
2. Underline the participle clause.

a) The boy expects a phone call. He waits in the hall.

→ The boy **waiting in the hall** expects a phone call.

or: The boy **expecting a phone call** waits in the hall.

b) Passengers had to change in Manchester. They want to go to Liverpool.

→ _____

c) The girl was picked up by her brother. She is very nice.

→ _____

d) The conference is about globalization. It was planned by non-governmental organizations.

→ _____

e) This picture shows the image of a person. It's a portrait.

→ _____

f) These topics were discussed in the lesson. They will be essential for the exam.

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