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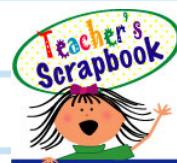
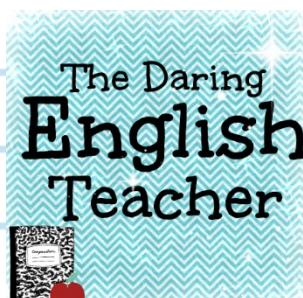
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I begin every class period with a bell-ringer. Doing so helps to establish a routine. It also prepares students to start class.

This download is the third in its series. It includes 67 PDF slides that can be projected onto the board for a quick and easy bell ringer activity to use as students walk in the door. This download includes the original six instruction slides to help introduce sentence combining to your students, an additional three instruction slides to teach your students how to write with a participle phrase, and a week of sentence suggestion slides to help students get used to combining sentences in the beginning of class.

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A quick and easy way
to help your students
improve their writing
skills.



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INSTRUCTION SLIDE

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- She likes to twirl in the field.
- She likes to dance in the field.
- The field is beautiful.

Let's Try It!

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Step 2

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Step 3

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Remember

The English language is very beautiful. You can use words in different combinations to say the same thing many different ways. Thinking about your writing will help you become a better writer.

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A **participle phrase** is a phrase that begins with a past or present participle (a word that can act as a noun or a verb) and modifies a noun or a pronoun.

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- He only stopped to smell the roses.

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Let's Get Started!

There are 2 types of sentence combining bell ringers you will encounter.

- 1.** You will encounter a slide containing two separate sentence pairs. For these slides, you combine the sentence clusters separately.

- 2.** You will encounter a slide containing three or more related sentences. For these slides, you will combine all of the information into one to two sentences.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- I washed my wallet with my clothes.
■ My wallet is ruined.

- The room was painted dark blue.
■ It looked smaller than it was before.

Your sentences might look like this.

- Washed with my clothes, my wallet is ruined.
- Painted a dark blue, the room looked smaller than it was before.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She won the race.
 - She ran quickly.

- The team lost every game but one.
 - The team was in last place.

Your sentences might look like this.

- Running quickly, she ran the race.
- Losing every game but one, the team was in last place.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- Sally won the raffle prize.
■ Sally was excited.

- The teacher disciplined the class.
■ The teacher was annoyed with the students' poor behavior.

Your sentences might look like this.

- Sally, having won the raffle prize, was excited.
- Annoyed with the students' poor behavior, the teacher disciplined the class.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The gardeners were pulling weeds.
- The weeds were in the planter.
- The planter was designed for vegetables.
- The gardeners found a caterpillar.

Your sentence might look like this.

- Pulling weeds in the vegetable planters, the gardeners found a caterpillar.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The puppy was worn out from swimming.
 - The puppy slept for 10 hours.
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- The girl was smiling from ear to ear.
 - She won the competition.

Your sentences might look like this.

- The puppy, worn out from swimming, slept for 10 hours.
- Smiling from ear to ear, the girl won the competition.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- They hiked for four hours straight.
■ They were tired and exhausted.

- Phil jumped to catch the ball.
■ He made the final out of the game.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- Leah got injured in the first game.
■ She sat out the second game.

- The immigrants were driven from their homeland.
■ They sought shelter in a new country.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He won the match.
- It was a tennis match.
- Tim was happy.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The dog walked around us at the park.
■ The dog was watching us closely.

- She was staring out the window.
■ Jennifer wanted to play outside.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She spent the afternoon at the lake.
 - Carol had a nice suntan.

- They were running slowly.
 - The group of runners finally crossed the finish line.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The young boy was discouraged.
- His lack of coordination discouraged him.
- The young boy began to cry.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The hurricane roared through the night.
- The hurricane's wind damaged some buildings.

- She was wearing a denim jacket.
- She was too hot in the theater.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was wearing a dress
- The dress was red.
- The dress was glamorous.
- The actress attended the movie premier.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The Great Salt Lake is filled with salt water.
- The great Salt Lake is in Utah.

- The prairie dog was running from the lion.
- He was trying to escape.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She crooned a sweet melody.
■ She was singing in the shower.

- He was exhausted from running a marathon.
- Sam slept for 10 hours.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The wind was battering the kite.
- The wind was strong.
- The kite broke.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The drain was clogged.
- It was clogged with hair.
- The hair long.
- The hair was brown.
- The drain stopped working properly.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She was swimming in the ocean.
 - Carla spotted a sea turtle.

- She was walking on the sidewalk.
 - Joanna stepped in a pothole.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- He was washing the dishes in hot water.
 - Carl burned his hand.
-
- She was taking a picture with her new camera.
 - Susan captured a beautiful image.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He was walking down a path.
- The path was lonely.
- The path was made of dirt.
- He thought he saw a ghost.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- He woke up to the sound of his phone ringing.
 - Lionel was discombobulated.
-
- Her brother ate the last piece of chocolate cake.
 - He looked guilty.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The kitten was scratching a post.
■ The kitten was having fun.

- The clothes were crumpled up in a pile.
■ The clothes were starting to smell.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The fish was swimming in a tank.
- It was a large tank.
- It was a clean tank.
- The fish seemed happy.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The young child was gluing two pieces of paper together.
 - The young child accidentally got glue on his hands.
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- He was vacuuming the carpet.
 - He accidentally vacuumed up an earring.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was wishing.
- She made the wish on a star.
- It was a shooting star.
- She hoped for a lollipop.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He was playing the guitar.
- It was an electric guitar.
- He was playing loudly.
- Silas did not hear his phone ring.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The man was talking to himself.
■ The man walked down the street.

- Kyle was preparing a nice meal.
■ He tested the flavors as he cooked.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was typing an essay.
- She was typing on a computer.
- The computer was old.
- The computer was slow.
- Carolyn grew impatient.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He was swimming in the ocean.
- The ocean was cold.
- The ocean was choppy.
- Drake grew tired.



Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She looked at the sun.
■ She was momentarily blinded.

- He was fishing at the river.
■ Michael caught three fish.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She was checking out at the grocery store.
- Jamie realized she forgot her wallet at home.

- She forgot to lock the house.
- She rushed out in a hurry.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He was looking for his keys.
- His keys were lost.
- The keys were for his car.
- Greg found five dollars.
- The dollars were in coins.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She was listening to her favorite song.
 - Carrie danced in her bedroom.

- He was taking notes in class.
 - Jacob's hand cramped up.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She was surprised by the guests at the party.
 - Gemma smiled.
-
- The stamps are part of a rare collection.
 - They come from all around the world.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was washing her car.
- The car was new.
- The car was yellow.
- The washing was done in the driveway.
- Taylor waved at her neighbors.
- The neighbors drove by her house.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- She was researching ecosystems.
 - Lisa learned about the devastation in the Amazon.
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- Samuel was riding his bike over broken glass.
 - Samuel's bike got a flat tire.

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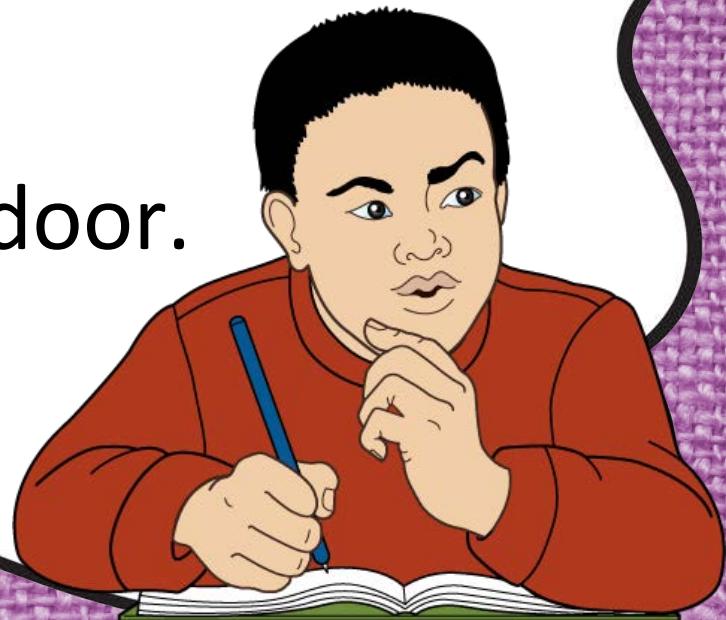
- She was wading in the pool.
- She was in the shallow end.
- Her name was Sherri.
- She was afraid.
- Her fear was of the deep end.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was daydreaming.
- The daydreams were of becoming an actress.
- The teacher called on her.
- Her name is Eliza.
- She didn't hear the teacher call on her.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- He was drinking a chocolate shake quickly.
 - He got a brain freeze.
-
- He was rushing out the door.
 - He forgot his keys.



Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was relaxing.
- The relaxing was done on a hammock.
- The hammock was in Maui.
- She watched the waves.
- The waves were crashing.
- The crashing was on the shore.
- The crashing was loud.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was encouraged by her performance.
- Her performance was at the talent show.
- She performed a violin solo.
- Her name was Amy.
- Amy decided to try out for the city's orchestra.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- The cookies were baked this morning.
■ They were all gone before dinner.

- The teacher was surprised by the question.
■ The teacher didn't know the answer.

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- He opened a drawer.
- The drawer was a toolbox drawer.
- The toolbox was in a shed.
- The shed was abandoned.
- Henry saw a spider.
- The spider was large.
- The spider was brown.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She was cheered on.
- Her parents were cheering.
- Her friends were cheering.
- She dove into the pool.
- She dove off the high dive.

Combine these sentence pairs together using a participle phrase.

- Jason was watching the news.
■ Jason was horrified by what happened.

- Linda was singing in the choir.
■ She felt a great sense of accomplishment.



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- The children were waiting.
- They were waiting for the game to start.
- It was a baseball game.
- The children grew impatient.
- The children grew tired.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- The girl was devastated.
- She was devastated by her low grade.
- The low grade was on a test.
- She made a promise.
- The promise was to study next time.



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- The cat was meowing loudly.
■ The cat woke up the baby.

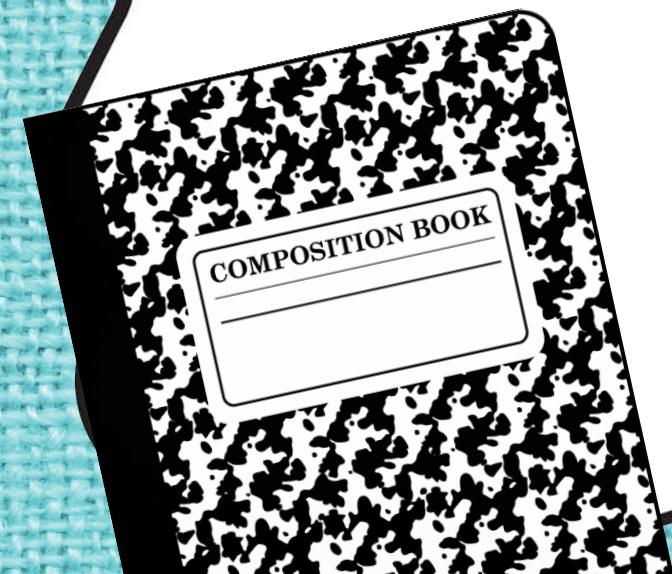
- He was spending money at the fair.
■ He purchased funnel cake, cotton candy, and ice cream.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- He was walking down the stairs.
- The stairs were steep.
- The stairs were wooden.
- He slipped.
- He fell.
- He bruised his knee.

Combine the information in these sentences to craft grammatically correct sentences that include a participle phrase.

- She forgot a birthday.
- The birthday was her mother's.
- It was a 50th birthday.
- Jane felt terrible.



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