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Introductory Phrases: PARTICIPIAL

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Read the following sentences with introductory participial phrases and fix the sentences based upon the rules above.

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