

MEETING 11

**ADJECTIVE CLAUSE AND ADJECTIVE PHRASE**  
(PART 2)

**A. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

1. To recognize incomplete or missing participial phrases.
2. To explain how to determine the incomplete adjective clause.

**B. THE AIMS OF THE TOPIC**

1. Students are able to anticipate and recognize the reduced adjective phrases.
2. Students are able to determine the right relative pronouns for the reduced adjective clause.

**C. GUIDANCE AND METHODS OF LEARNING**

1. Lectures
2. Discussions
3. Presentations
4. Practices

**D. MATERIAL DESCRIPTION**

**I. INCOMPLETE OR MISSING PARTICIPIAL PHRASES**

**Participial phrases** generally occur after nouns. They are actually **reduced** (shortened) **relative clauses**. **Present participles** (which always end in *-ing*) are used to reduce adjective clauses that contain active verbs.

- Minnesota, *which joined the Union in 1858*, became the thirty-second state.  
(adjective clause with active verb)
- Minnesota, *joining the Union in 1858*, became the thirty-second state.  
(participial phrase with a present participle)

Most **past participles** end in *-ed*, but there are also many irregular forms. Past participles are used to reduce adjective clauses with passive verbs.

- William and Mary College, *which wasfounded in 1693*, is the second oldest university in the United States.  
(adjective clause with a passive verb)
- William and Mary College, *founded in 1693*, is the second oldest university in the United States.  
(participial phrase with a past participle)

Participial phrases can also come before the subject of a sentence.

- *joining the Union in 1858*, Minnesota became the thirty-second state.
- *Founded in 1693*, William and Mary College is the second oldest university in the United States.

Usually, the participle itself is missing from this type of Structure item, but any part of a participial phrase as well as parts of a main clause may be missing.

### Sample Item

Natural resources provide the raw materials \_\_\_\_\_ to produce finished goods.

- (A) needed
- (B) are needed
- (C) which need
- (D) needing

Option (B) is a passive verb; the sentence cannot contain two main verbs (*are needed* and *provide*) in the same clause. Choice (C) creates an adjective clause, but the verb in the clause is active and a passive verb is required. (However, a relative clause with a passive verb (*which are needed*) would be a correct answer.) Choice (D) is a present participle and has an active meaning; a past participle is needed. A

## II. EXERCISES

### Exercise 12.1

**Focus** : Completing structure problems involving incomplete or missing participial phrases. (Note: One or two items in this exercises do *not* focus on participial phrases; these items are marked on the answer key with asterisks.)

**Directions** : Choose the one option-(A), (B), (C), or (D)-that correctly completes the sentence, and then mark the appropriate blank. The first one is done as an example.

1. Aerodynamics is the study of the forces \_\_\_\_\_ on an object as it moves through the atmosphere.  
\_\_\_\_(A) acting  
\_\_\_\_ (B) act  
\_\_\_\_ (C) are acting  
\_\_ (D) acted
2. for their strong fiber include flax and hemp.  
\_\_\_\_ (A) Plants are grown  
\_\_\_\_ (B) Plants grown  
\_\_\_\_ (C) Plants that grow  
\_\_\_\_ (D) To grow plants
3. , Jose Limon's dance troupe often toured abroad.  
\_\_\_\_ (A) The U S Department sponsored it  
\_\_\_\_ (B) Sponsored by the U.S. State Department  
\_ \_ (C) The U.S. State Department, which sponsored it  
\_\_\_\_ (D) The sponsorship of the U.S. State Department
4. Elfreth's AlJey in Philadelphia is the oldest residential street in the United States, with \_\_\_\_\_ from 1728.  
\_\_\_\_ (A) hOllses are dated  
\_\_\_\_ (B) the dates of the houses  
\_\_\_\_ (C) the dating of houses  
\_\_\_\_ (D) hOllses dating
5. In 1821 the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, was laid out in a design \_\_\_\_\_ after that of Washington, D.C.

- \_\_\_ (A) patterned  
 \_\_\_ (B) was patterned  
 \_\_\_ (C) a pattern  
 \_\_\_ (D) that patterned
6. in front of a camera lens changes the color of the light that reaches the film.  
 \_\_\_ (A) Placed a filter  
 \_\_\_ (B) A filter is placed  
 \_\_\_ (C) A filter placed  
 \_\_\_ (D) When a filter placed
7. The Massachusetts State House, in 1798, was the most distinguished building in the United States at that time.  
 \_\_\_ (A) completing  
 \_\_\_ (B) which was completed  
 \_\_\_ (C) was completed  
 \_\_\_ (D) to be completed
8. Barbara McClintock for her discovery of the mobility of genetic elements.  
 \_\_\_ (A) known  
 \_\_\_ (B) who knows  
 \_\_\_ (C) knowing  
 \_\_\_ (D) is known
9. The solitary scientist \_\_\_\_\_ by himself has in many instances been replaced by a cooperative scientific team.  
 \_\_\_ (A) to make important discoveries  
 \_\_\_ (B) important discoveries were made  
 \_\_\_ (C) has made important discoveries  
 \_\_\_ (9) making important discoveries
10. Geometry is the branch of mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ the properties of lines, curves, shapes, and surfaces.  
 \_\_\_ (A) that concerned with  
 \_\_\_ (B) it is concerned with  
 \_\_\_ (C) concerned with  
 \_\_\_ (D) its concerns are