

PRACTICE WITH PARTICIPLE PHRASES

A **participle phrase** usually begins with a participle. It includes other words and phrases that go with it. The entire phrase works together as an adjective.

Examples: Grinning from ear to ear, Elena announced that she had found a job.
(The phrase *grinning from ear to ear* modifies *Elena*.)

Jamal, pleased with himself, told everyone about his "A" on the test.
(The phrase *pleased with himself* modifies *Jamal*.)

Directions: Underline the entire participle phrase. Circle the participle and draw a line to the noun or pronoun the entire phrase modifies.

1. Funded by the Hammond Foundation, Dr. Grant and Dr. Sattler looked for dinosaur fossils in Montana.
2. "Bob Morris, EPA," he said, extending his hand. "I'm with the San Francisco office."
3. Ellie said, "Crocodiles are basically Triassic animals living in the present."
4. Hammond giggled, pleased at Gennaro's reaction to the news that they had 238 animals.
5. Ian Malcolm said, "That island is an accident waiting to happen."
6. Isla Nublar's forested slopes were wreathed in fog, giving the island a mysterious appearance.
7. "You probably want to know what happens next," Hammond said, continuing down the path.
8. The moved into a green tunnel of palm trees leading toward the main visitor building.
9. Ellie thought it never occurred to people that plants were alive, performing all the functions of respiration, ingestion, excretion, reproduction, and defense.
10. Isolated from the mainland, the island seemed safe to Hammond.
11. Dr. Wu's team extracted dinosaur DNA from insects preserved in amber.
12. Shrugging his shoulders, Dr. Wu explained that they usually grew the dinosaurs even though they didn't know exactly what they would be when they hatched.
13. Dr. Wu said, "You can imagine how it is when we have 150 animals born within a few days."
14. The raptor, partially hidden in the dense fronds, was watching them coldly.
15. Grant thought it must have been quite a sight to see a dozen velociraptors racing at full speed, leaping onto the back of a much larger dinosaur, tearing at its neck and slashing at its ribs and belly. (Four participial phrases.)

Writing: Write a paragraph about the dangers of Jurassic Park. Use at least five participle phrases.

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