Participle clauses with -ing and -ed

A past participle clause often has a passive meaning.

An opening past participle clause often describes a passive situation or state: Surprised by the news, Maya called her sister. The implied subject matches the subject of the main clause.

Worked example

Surprised by the news, Maya called her sister.

Complete each sentence with the past participle phrase.

01. Sorprendida por la noticia, Maya quería contárselo a la familia.
_____, she wanted to tell the family.

02. Sorprendida por la noticia, Maya comprobó los detalles dos veces.
_____, she checked the details twice.

03. Sorprendida por la noticia, Maya le envió un mensaje a su hermana.
_____, she sent a message to her sister.

04. Sorprendida por la noticia, Maya reservó una cita más tarde.
_____, she booked a later appointment.

05. Frustrado por el retraso, Leo habló con el personal de la estación.
_____, he spoke to the station staff.

06. Frustrado por el retraso, Leo volvió a mirar la pantalla.
_____, he checked the screen again.

07. Frustrado por el retraso, Leo envió un mensaje al grupo.
_____, he sent a message to the group.

08. Frustrado por el retraso, Leo esperó junto al mostrador de información.
_____, he waited by the information desk.

09. Agotados después del viaje, cancelamos nuestros planes para la tarde.
_____, we cancelled our evening plans.

10. Agotados después del viaje, pedimos comida para la habitación.
_____, we ordered food to the room.

11. Agotados después del viaje, dejamos las maletas en el vestíbulo.
_____, we left our bags in the lobby.

12. Agotados después del viaje, prescindimos de la visita nocturna.
_____, we skipped the late tour.

13. Diseñado para espacios pequeños, la mesa cabe junto a la ventana.
_____, the table fits beside the window.

14. Diseñado para espacios pequeños, la mesa deja espacio para pasar.
_____, the table leaves room to walk past.

15. Diseñado para espacios pequeños, la mesa se pliega fácilmente.
_____, the table folds away easily.

16. Diseñado para espacios pequeños, la mesa queda bien en el estudio.
_____, the table works well in the studio.

17. Escrito en lenguaje sencillo, la guía es fácil de seguir.
_____, the guide is easy to follow.

18. Escrito en lenguaje sencillo, la guía incluye ejemplos claros.
_____, the guide includes clear examples.

19. Escrito en lenguaje sencillo, la guía cabe en una página.
_____, the guide fits on one page.

20. Escrito en lenguaje sencillo, la guía explica cada paso.
_____, the guide explains each step.

Past participle clauses: passive meaning

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Inundada por la lluvia, la carretera de abajo estaba cerrada.
_____, the lower road was closed.

22. Inundada por la lluvia, el sótano necesitaba reparaciones.
_____, the basement needed repairs.

23. Inundada por la lluvia, el campo deportivo no se podía utilizar.
_____, the sports field was unusable.

24. Inundada por la lluvia, el aparcamiento estaba vacío.
_____, the parking area was empty.

25. Situado cerca del puerto, el hotel atrae a muchos visitantes.
_____, the hotel attracts many visitors.

26. Situado cerca del puerto, el hotel ofrece desayuno gratis.
_____, the hotel offers free breakfast.

27. Situado cerca del puerto, al hotel se llega fácilmente en autobús.
_____, the hotel is easy to reach by bus.

28. Situado cerca del puerto, el hotel tiene una cafetería pequeña.
_____, the hotel has a small café.

29. Llenas de agua, las botellas pesaban demasiado para llevarlas.
_____, the bottles were too heavy to carry.

30. Llenas de agua, las botellas estaban junto al fregadero.
_____, the bottles stood beside the sink.

31. Llenas de agua, las botellas estaban listas para el viaje.
_____, the bottles were ready for the trip.

32. Llenas de agua, las botellas necesitaban etiquetas nuevas.
_____, the bottles needed new labels.

33. Conocida por sus jardines, la localidad recibe visitantes todo el año.
_____, the town welcomes visitors all year.

34. Conocida por sus jardines, la localidad está tranquila en invierno.
_____, the town is quiet in winter.

35. Conocida por sus jardines, la localidad tiene varias rutas a pie.
_____, the town has several walking routes.

36. Conocida por sus jardines, la localidad está junto al río.
_____, the town lies beside the river.

37. Obligado a cambiar de plan, Sam tomó el tren anterior.
_____, he took the earlier train.

38. Obligado a cambiar de plan, Sam llamó al hotel para explicarlo.
_____, he called the hotel to explain.

39. Obligado a cambiar de plan, Sam actualizó sus planes de viaje.
_____, he updated his travel plans.

40. Obligado a cambiar de plan, Sam eligió otro camino.
_____, he chose a different route.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The participle phrase that completes the gap is in bold.

01. Surprised by the news, she wanted to tell the family.
02. Surprised by the news, she checked the details twice.
03. Surprised by the news, she sent a message to her sister.
04. Surprised by the news, she booked a later appointment.
05. Frustrated by the delay, he spoke to the station staff.
06. Frustrated by the delay, he checked the screen again.
07. Frustrated by the delay, he sent a message to the group.
08. Frustrated by the delay, he waited by the information desk.
09. Exhausted after the journey, we cancelled our evening plans.
10. Exhausted after the journey, we ordered food to the room.
11. Exhausted after the journey, we left our bags in the lobby.
12. Exhausted after the journey, we skipped the late tour.
13. Designed for small spaces, the table fits beside the window.
14. Designed for small spaces, the table leaves room to walk past.
15. Designed for small spaces, the table folds away easily.
16. Designed for small spaces, the table works well in the studio.
17. Written in plain language, the guide is easy to follow.
18. Written in plain language, the guide includes clear examples.
19. Written in plain language, the guide fits on one page.
20. Written in plain language, the guide explains each step.
21. Flooded by the rain, the lower road was closed.
22. Flooded by the rain, the basement needed repairs.
23. Flooded by the rain, the sports field was unusable.
24. Flooded by the rain, the parking area was empty.
25. Located near the harbor, the hotel attracts many visitors.
26. Located near the harbor, the hotel offers free breakfast.
27. Located near the harbor, the hotel is easy to reach by bus.
28. Located near the harbor, the hotel has a small café.
29. Filled with water, the bottles were too heavy to carry.
30. Filled with water, the bottles stood beside the sink.
31. Filled with water, the bottles were ready for the trip.
32. Filled with water, the bottles needed new labels.
33. Known for its gardens, the town welcomes visitors all year.
34. Known for its gardens, the town is quiet in winter.
35. Known for its gardens, the town has several walking routes.
36. Known for its gardens, the town lies beside the river.
37. Forced to change his plan, he took the earlier train.
38. Forced to change his plan, he called the hotel to explain.
39. Forced to change his plan, he updated his travel plans.
40. Forced to change his plan, he chose a different route.