Participle clauses with -ing and -ed

Not usually comes before the participle.

Put **not** before the participle phrase to make it negative: Not knowing the answer, I checked the reference book.

Worked example

Not knowing the answer, I checked the reference book.

Complete each sentence with the negative participle phrase.

01. Al no saber la respuesta, busqué el término.
_____, I looked up the term.

02. Al no saber la respuesta, pregunté a mi compañero.
_____, I asked my colleague.

03. Al no saber la respuesta, leí el párrafo siguiente.
_____, I read the next paragraph.

04. Al no saber la respuesta, consulté el índice.
_____, I checked the index.

05. Al no querer despertar a nadie, cerramos la puerta con cuidado.
_____, we closed the door gently.

06. Al no querer despertar a nadie, bajamos el volumen de la televisión.
_____, we turned down the television.

07. Al no querer despertar a nadie, esperamos en el pasillo.
_____, we waited in the hall.

08. Al no querer despertar a nadie, enviamos un mensaje de texto.
_____, we sent a text instead.

09. Al no sentirse preparado, Leo pidió un descanso breve.
_____, Leo asked for a short break.

10. Al no sentirse preparado, Leo observó primero la demostración.
_____, Leo watched the demonstration first.

11. Al no sentirse preparado, Leo habló con el instructor.
_____, Leo spoke to the instructor.

12. Al no sentirse preparado, Leo practicó con un compañero.
_____, Leo practised with a partner.

13. Al no ver ningún taxi, Maya caminó hasta la calle siguiente.
_____, Maya walked to the next street.

14. Al no ver ningún taxi, Maya consultó la aplicación del autobús.
_____, Maya checked the bus app.

15. Al no ver ningún taxi, Maya esperó junto a la entrada del hotel.
_____, Maya waited by the hotel entrance.

16. Al no ver ningún taxi, Maya pidió ayuda a la recepcionista.
_____, Maya asked the receptionist for help.

17. Al no recordar el código, restablecí mi contraseña.
_____, I reset my password.

18. Al no recordar el código, llamé al servicio técnico.
_____, I called technical support.

19. Al no recordar el código, miré la etiqueta del aparato.
_____, I checked the label on the device.

20. Al no recordar el código, anoté el número en mi libreta.
_____, I wrote the number in my notebook.

Negative participle clauses

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Al no esperar visitas, Nora abrió la puerta.
_____, Nora answered the door.

22. Al no esperar visitas, Nora se puso el abrigo.
_____, Nora put on her coat.

23. Al no esperar visitas, Nora apagó la radio.
_____, Nora turned off the radio.

24. Al no esperar visitas, Nora se preparó un té.
_____, Nora made a cup of tea.

25. Al no entender la pregunta, Sam pidió un ejemplo.
_____, Sam asked for an example.

26. Al no entender la pregunta, Sam volvió a leer la pregunta.
_____, Sam read the question again.

27. Al no entender la pregunta, Sam anotó las palabras clave.
_____, Sam wrote down the key words.

28. Al no entender la pregunta, Sam esperó hasta el final.
_____, Sam waited until the end.

29. Al no tener suficiente batería, pusimos el teléfono en modo avión.
_____, we put the phone on airplane mode.

30. Al no tener suficiente batería, cerramos las aplicaciones.
_____, we closed the apps.

31. Al no tener suficiente batería, llevamos un cargador portátil.
_____, we carried a portable charger.

32. Al no tener suficiente batería, enviamos el último mensaje.
_____, we sent the final message.

33. Al no reconocer la dirección, abrí la aplicación de mapas.
_____, I opened the map app.

34. Al no reconocer la dirección, pregunté a una persona que pasaba.
_____, I asked a passer-by.

35. Al no reconocer la dirección, volví a comprobar el número.
_____, I checked the number again.

36. Al no reconocer la dirección, paré delante del edificio correcto.
_____, I stopped outside the right building.

37. Al no querer interrumpir la reunión, Paula esperó a que hubiera una pausa.
_____, Paula waited for a pause.

38. Al no querer interrumpir la reunión, Paula envió la pregunta por correo electrónico.
_____, Paula sent her question by email.

39. Al no querer interrumpir la reunión, Paula escribió una nota para la presidenta.
_____, Paula wrote a note for the chair.

40. Al no querer interrumpir la reunión, Paula participó en el debate siguiente.
_____, Paula joined the next discussion.

Answer key

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

01. Not knowing the answer, I looked up the term.
02. Not knowing the answer, I asked my colleague.
03. Not knowing the answer, I read the next paragraph.
04. Not knowing the answer, I checked the index.
05. Not wanting to wake anyone, we closed the door gently.
06. Not wanting to wake anyone, we turned down the television.
07. Not wanting to wake anyone, we waited in the hall.
08. Not wanting to wake anyone, we sent a text instead.
09. Not feeling ready, Leo asked for a short break.
10. Not feeling ready, Leo watched the demonstration first.
11. Not feeling ready, Leo spoke to the instructor.
12. Not feeling ready, Leo practised with a partner.
13. Not seeing any taxis, Maya walked to the next street.
14. Not seeing any taxis, Maya checked the bus app.
15. Not seeing any taxis, Maya waited by the hotel entrance.
16. Not seeing any taxis, Maya asked the receptionist for help.
17. Not remembering the code, I reset my password.
18. Not remembering the code, I called technical support.
19. Not remembering the code, I checked the label on the device.
20. Not remembering the code, I wrote the number in my notebook.
21. Not expecting visitors, Nora answered the door.
22. Not expecting visitors, Nora put on her coat.
23. Not expecting visitors, Nora turned off the radio.
24. Not expecting visitors, Nora made a cup of tea.
25. Not understanding the question, Sam asked for an example.
26. Not understanding the question, Sam read the question again.
27. Not understanding the question, Sam wrote down the key words.
28. Not understanding the question, Sam waited until the end.
29. Not having enough battery power, we put the phone on airplane mode.
30. Not having enough battery power, we closed the apps.
31. Not having enough battery power, we carried a portable charger.
32. Not having enough battery power, we sent the final message.
33. Not recognizing the address, I opened the map app.
34. Not recognizing the address, I asked a passer-by.
35. Not recognizing the address, I checked the number again.
36. Not recognizing the address, I stopped outside the right building.
37. Not wanting to interrupt the meeting, Paula waited for a pause.
38. Not wanting to interrupt the meeting, Paula sent her question by email.
39. Not wanting to interrupt the meeting, Paula wrote a note for the chair.
40. Not wanting to interrupt the meeting, Paula joined the next discussion.