Participle clauses with -ing and -ed

Use not before the participle; add having for an earlier action.

Use **not + -ing** for a negative action or reason. Use **not having + past participle** for an earlier action that did not happen, and **not having been + past participle** for an earlier passive event.

Worked example

Not having received the message, I did not know the schedule had changed.

Complete each sentence with the negative participle phrase.

01. Al no haber recibido el mensaje, no sabía que había cambiado el horario.
_____, I did not know the schedule had changed.

02. Al no haber terminado la tarea, Leo pidió más tiempo.
_____, Leo asked for more time.

03. Al no haber reservado una mesa, tuvimos que esperar.
_____, we had to wait.

04. Al no haber sido informado del cambio, Sam llegó a la dirección anterior.
_____, Sam went to the old address.

05. Al no haber sido invitada a la reunión, Maya pidió las actas.
_____, Maya asked for the minutes.

06. Al no haber comprobado los datos, el equipo retrasó el envío.
_____, the team delayed the delivery.

07. Al no haber sido reparado todavía, el ascensor seguía fuera de servicio.
_____, the elevator was still out of service.

08. Al no haber leído las instrucciones, no sabía cómo montar la silla.
_____, I did not know how to assemble the chair.

09. Al no haber sido seleccionados, los jugadores siguieron entrenando.
_____, the players continued training.

10. Al no haber enviado el formulario, Nora recibió un recordatorio.
_____, Nora received a reminder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Negative participle clauses: present and perfect forms

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answer key

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

01. **Not having received the message**, I did not know the schedule had changed.
02. **Not having finished the task**, Leo asked for more time.
03. **Not having booked a table**, we had to wait.
04. **Not having been informed of the change**, Sam went to the old address.
05. **Not having been invited to the meeting**, Maya asked for the minutes.
06. **Not having checked the data**, the team delayed the delivery.
07. **Not having been repaired yet**, the elevator was still out of service.
08. **Not having read the instructions**, I did not know how to assemble the chair.
09. **Not having been selected**, the players continued training.
10. **Not having sent the form**, Nora received a reminder.
11. **Not knowing the answer**, I looked up the term.
12. **Not knowing the answer**, I asked my colleague.
13. **Not knowing the answer**, I read the next paragraph.
14. **Not knowing the answer**, I checked the index.
15. **Not wanting to wake anyone**, we closed the door gently.
16. **Not wanting to wake anyone**, we turned down the television.
17. **Not wanting to wake anyone**, we waited in the hall.
18. **Not wanting to wake anyone**, we sent a text instead.
19. **Not feeling ready**, Leo asked for a short break.
20. **Not feeling ready**, Leo watched the demonstration first.
21. **Not feeling ready**, Leo spoke to the instructor.
22. **Not feeling ready**, Leo practised with a partner.
23. **Not seeing any taxis**, Maya walked to the next street.
24. **Not seeing any taxis**, Maya checked the bus app.
25. **Not seeing any taxis**, Maya waited by the hotel entrance.
26. **Not seeing any taxis**, Maya asked the receptionist for help.
27. **Not remembering the code**, I reset my password.
28. **Not remembering the code**, I called technical support.
29. **Not remembering the code**, I checked the label on the device.
30. **Not remembering the code**, I wrote the number in my notebook.
31. **Not expecting visitors**, Nora answered the door.
32. **Not expecting visitors**, Nora put on her coat.
33. **Not expecting visitors**, Nora turned off the radio.
34. **Not expecting visitors**, Nora made a cup of tea.
35. **Not understanding the question**, Sam asked for an example.
36. **Not understanding the question**, Sam read the question again.
37. **Not understanding the question**, Sam wrote down the key words.
38. **Not understanding the question**, Sam waited until the end.
39. **Not having enough battery power**, we put the phone on airplane mode.
40. **Not having enough battery power**, we closed the apps.