Participle clauses with -ing and -ed

Check the meaning and the form of the participle.

Decide whether the opening clause gives time, a reason, or a passive state. Make sure its understood subject is clear.

Worked example

Exhausted after the journey, we went straight to bed.

Complete each sentence with a suitable participle phrase.

01. Al ver el cartel, hice una foto del horario.
_____, I took a photo of the schedule.

02. Al ver el cartel, guardé el número en el teléfono.
_____, I saved the number on my phone.

03. Al ver el cartel, pregunté por la entrada principal.
_____, I asked about the main entrance.

04. Al ver el cartel, continué hasta el final de la calle.
_____, I continued to the end of the street.

05. Al doblar la esquina, compré una libreta pequeña.
_____, I bought a small notebook.

06. Al doblar la esquina, pregunté si tenían libros de segunda mano.
_____, I asked if they had any second-hand books.

07. Al doblar la esquina, elegí una novela para el viaje.
_____, I chose a novel for the trip.

08. Al doblar la esquina, dejé la bicicleta junto al escaparate.
_____, I left my bike by the window.

09. Mientras esperaba en recepción, comprobé la hora de la cita.
_____, I checked the appointment time.

10. Mientras esperaba en recepción, envié un mensaje a mi compañero.
_____, I sent a message to my colleague.

11. Al ser nuevo en la ciudad, consulté el plano del metro.
_____, I checked the subway map.

12. Al ser nuevo en la ciudad, pregunté a un compañero.
_____, I asked a colleague.

13. Al ser nuevo en la ciudad, llamé a la oficina de turismo.
_____, I called the tourist office.

14. Al ser nuevo en la ciudad, seguí las señales de la estación.
_____, I followed the station signs.

15. Al reconocer la ruta, evitó la autopista.
_____, the driver avoided the highway.

16. Al reconocer la ruta, continuó por la carretera principal.
_____, the driver continued on the main road.

17. Al reconocer la ruta, paró en una gasolinera.
_____, the driver stopped at a gas station.

18. Al reconocer la ruta, llegó al centro antes de las seis.
_____, the driver reached downtown before six.

19. Al esperar una llamada importante, se quedó en casa esa tarde.
_____, Paula stayed home that afternoon.

20. Al esperar una llamada importante, contestó enseguida.
_____, Paula answered straight away.

Mixed practice: time, reason and 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. Después de guardar una copia, subí el archivo.
_____, I uploaded the file.

32. Después de guardar una copia, envié el enlace al equipo.
_____, I sent the link to the team.

33. Después de guardar una copia, apagué el ordenador.
_____, I shut down the computer.

34. Después de guardar una copia, empecé la siguiente tarea.
_____, I started the next task.

35. Después de hacer las maletas, salimos de casa.
_____, we left the house.

36. Después de hacer las maletas, comprobamos el camino.
_____, we checked the route.

37. Después de hacer las maletas, cerramos la puerta principal.
_____, we locked the front door.

38. Después de hacer las maletas, recogimos las llaves.
_____, we picked up the keys.

39. Después de enviar la solicitud, Nora revisó su bandeja de entrada.
_____, Nora checked her inbox.

40. Después de enviar la solicitud, Nora se preparó un té.
_____, Nora made a cup of tea.

Answer key

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

01. Seeing the sign, I took a photo of the schedule.
02. Seeing the sign, I saved the number on my phone.
03. Seeing the sign, I asked about the main entrance.
04. Seeing the sign, I continued to the end of the street.
05. Turning the corner, I bought a small notebook.
06. Turning the corner, I asked if they had any second-hand books.
07. Turning the corner, I chose a novel for the trip.
08. Turning the corner, I left my bike by the window.
09. Waiting at reception, I checked the appointment time.
10. Waiting at reception, I sent a message to my colleague.
11. Being new to the city, I checked the subway map.
12. Being new to the city, I asked a colleague.
13. Being new to the city, I called the tourist office.
14. Being new to the city, I followed the station signs.
15. Recognizing the route, the driver avoided the highway.
16. Recognizing the route, the driver continued on the main road.
17. Recognizing the route, the driver stopped at a gas station.
18. Recognizing the route, the driver reached downtown before six.
19. Expecting an important call, Paula stayed home that afternoon.
20. Expecting an important call, Paula answered straight away.
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. Having saved a copy, I uploaded the file.
32. Having saved a copy, I sent the link to the team.
33. Having saved a copy, I shut down the computer.
34. Having saved a copy, I started the next task.
35. Having packed our bags, we left the house.
36. Having packed our bags, we checked the route.
37. Having packed our bags, we locked the front door.
38. Having packed our bags, we picked up the keys.
39. Having sent the application, Nora checked her inbox.
40. Having sent the application, Nora made a cup of tea.