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Work sheet: Participle Clauses

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4. What about the tense in the participle clause?

The tense of the participle is neutral. The tense in the participle clause is defined by the main clause.

Ex.: Students who **spend** a year in England **improve** their knowledge of the language.

Students **spending** a year in England **improve** their knowledge of the language.

Students who **spent** a year in England **weren't disappointed**.

Students **spending** a year in England **weren't disappointed**.

Students who **will spend** a year in England **will come** back as native speakers.

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Practice: Look at the examples again and explain the tense in the different sentences.

spending – improve _____

spending – were disappointed _____

spending – will come _____

5. Why do we use participle clauses?

We can improve our style by



reducing sentences

avoiding repetition

avoiding awkwardness

Practice: Compare the sentences and describe the effect of the participle construction in the following sentences.

- a) The glasses that are lying under the sofa are broken.
The glasses *lying* under the sofa are broken.
- b) Who is man who lives next door?
Who is the man *living* next door?
- c) He went away. He grumbled as he went away.
He went away *grumbling*.

II. Present Participle clauses after verbs of perception

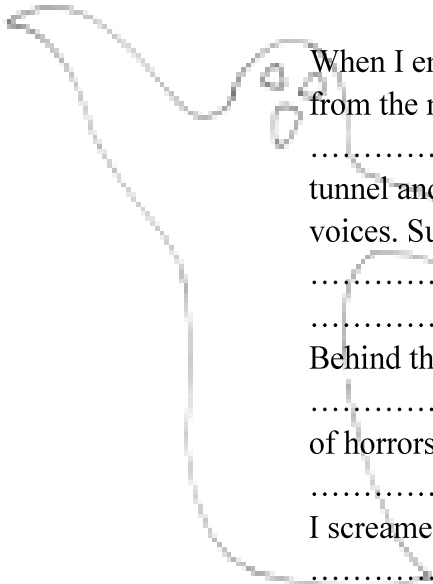
A present participle clause can be used after verbs of perception in case that the event is not finished.
 Verbs of perception are: see, notice, look at, hear, listen to, smell, feel and many others.

Practice: A ride on the ghost train

After a ride on the ghost train my little sister Laura was very excited. She told me what she had seen in the **'House of Horrors'**:

Complete the text with a participle construction. Use the information given below.

Structure: Subject Verb Object Participle
 I saw ghosts *hovering* over the ground.



When I entered the 'House of Horrors' I smelt
 from the middle of the hall. I could watch
 Then the train rode through a
 tunnel and I heard
 voices. Suddenly I felt
I was scared. Later we ran into an icy-cold room and I saw a

 Behind the coffin I watched
 Before the ghost train left the 'House
 of horrors' I felt like driving through spider webs and I listened to

 I screamed and I was relieved when I noticed

witches/scream/top of	smoke/come/	man/walk/without his head	skeletons/sing/ creepy songs
water/drip/ceiling	devils/dance/around the fire	dead corpse climb/coffin	you/stand/exit





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