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Participle Worksheet

Big Idea: A **participle** is a form of a verb that is often used as an adjective.
Participles usually end in --ing, --ed, or --en.

Examples: **walking** tour **eaten** hamburger **cooked** food **baked** beans

Directions: Please underline each participle in the following sentence. Draw an arrow to the noun that it describes. Participles, like other adjectives, tell *what kind* or *which one*.

1. Where did Maddie hide Tara's running shoes?
2. Nolan dropped the burned toast into the trash when his stressed mom was not looking.
3. Andy and Gustaf surprised their hard-working principal with a loud cheer.
4. Shea knows that many advertising companies target girls in their early teens.
5. "Abandoned cats and dogs have become a common sight in our cities," said Walker.
6. The reporting journalist squinted at the bright lights in William's house.
7. Ashton and Stephanie, well-trained trapeze artists, began their work in Florence, Italy.
8. Olivia realized that there are no quick fixes for broken people.
9. Jack waved at his cheering fans.
10. Trevor placed the frozen enchiladas on the counter in front of Benjamin.
11. Jared knew that the running water would provide a beautiful backdrop for his photograph.
12. Mikey was able to stop the raging bull from attacking Warren.
13. The dripping faucet kept Chloe awake all night.
14. Gianni turned away from the crushed bug on his desk.
15. Lorenzo and Isabel were able to repair the broken faucet.
16. Dried meat and preserved fruit are Thad's favorite foods.
17. Cathryn bought a talking bird for Natalie.
18. The frozen fish was an easy meal for Addie to cook.
19. A broken clock, a smiling clown, and a hissing cat sat on Austin's mantelpiece.

EXERCISE 1 Finding Participles

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write each participle that is used as an adjective. Then beside each one, write the word it modifies.

1. No one answered the ringing doorbell.
2. The flag of Denmark is the oldest unchanged national flag in existence.
3. The meeting, noisy and disorganized, was a waste of time.
4. The redwoods are the tallest living things on our planet.
5. The speeding car almost crashed.
6. Please empty the overflowing trash.
7. The hikers, hungry and exhausted, returned to their base camp.
8. The barking dog kept me awake all night.
9. Don't step on the broken glass on the floor.
10. Those nails, rusted and bent, are a hazard.

EXERCISE 2 Distinguishing between Participles and Verbs

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the underlined word in each sentence. Then label it *participle* or *verb*.

1. A talking doll was one of Thomas Edison's many clever inventions.
2. Are you caring for a sick squirrel?
3. Maria discarded her old sneakers.
4. The dog buried its bone in the backyard.
5. Our reserved seats were located beside a window.
6. Why are you talking so softly?
7. Have you ever hunted for buried treasure?
8. Jennifer is such a caring person.
9. Have you reserved the book from the library?
10. The discarded lamp was soon missed.

EXERCISE 3 Finding Participial Phrases

Number your paper 1 to 10. Write the participial phrase in each sentence. Then underline the participle.

1. James Zaharee, using a fine pen and a microscope, printed the Gettysburg Address on a human hair.
2. The largest jigsaw puzzle, made in 1954, contained over 10,000 pieces.
3. One of the oldest games, played since prehistoric times, is marbles.
4. Living off the coast of Japan, the largest crabs in the world stand 3 feet high and weigh 30 pounds.
5. Bloodhounds, often used in detective work, can detect a ten-day-old scent.
6. Swimming rapidly, John Sigmund traveled 292 miles down the Mississippi River in 90 hours.
7. The smallest bird is the bee hummingbird, measuring only two and a half inches.
8. In Ohio someone found an eagle's nest weighing two tons.
9. The highest wind velocity recorded in the United States was 231 miles per hour.
10. Oranges and cantaloupes are fruits containing vitamin C.

EXERCISE 4 Writing Sentences

Write a sentence for each of the following participial phrases. Use commas where needed.

1. lost in the woods
2. walking down the street
3. enjoying the picnic
4. laughing hysterically
5. found in the backyard
6. using a dictionary
7. recently discarded
8. stored in the attic
9. broken into pieces
10. cooking dinner