

Joining two sentences using participles

We can use participles to combine two sentences. Note that this technique is used when both clauses have the same subject.

Study the example given below.

She ran out of the room. She was screaming.

We can rewrite this sentence as:

She ran out of the room screaming.

Another example is given below:

I lost all my money. I went home.

Having lost all my money, I went home.

Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate participle.

1. by his family, he decided to become a monk.

Rejected

Rejecting

2. Who is that pretty girl in the corner?

sitting

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sat

3. Most of the people
to the party, didn't turn up.

inviting

invited

4. Not what to do, I
called the police.

knowing

known

5. He was sitting at a table
..... with papers.

covered

covering

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6. Who is that girl with your brother?

danced

dancing

7. much blood, she became unconscious.

Losing

Lost

Having lost

8. my engineering exams, I took up cheating.

Failing

Failed

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Having failed

Answers

1. Rejected by his family, he decided to become a monk.
2. Who is that pretty girl sitting in the corner?
3. Most of the people invited to the party, didn't turn up.
4. Not knowing what to do, I called the police.
5. He was sitting at a table covered with papers.
6. Who is that girl dancing with your brother?
7. Having lost much blood, she became unconscious.
8. Having failed my engineering exams, I took up cheating.