

Present and past participle worksheet

There are two types of participles: present participle and past participle. The present participle form always ends in -ing. Most verbs have their past participle form ending in -ed or -en. Of course, there are several exceptions to this rule.

Both the present participle and the past participle can be used as adjectives.

Complete the following sentences with an appropriate participle.

Exercise

1. His coat needs mending.

tattered

tattering

2. A stone gathers no moss.

rolling

rolled

3. A opportunity never returns.

losing

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lost

4. He kept me

waiting

waited

5. She looked

worried

worrying

6. I saw the storm

approaching

approached

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7. a noise, I turned around.

Hearing

Heard

8. Being, he quit his job.

dissatisfied

dissatisfying

9. Being with work, I couldn't meet them.

occupied

occupying

10. by his wife, he persevered.

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Encouraged

Encouraging

Answers

1. His tattered coat needs mending.
2. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
3. A lost opportunity never returns.
4. He kept me waiting.
5. She looked worried.
6. I saw the storm approaching.
7. Hearing a noise, I turned around.
8. Being dissatisfied, he quit his job.
9. Being occupied with work, I couldn't meet them.
10. Encouraged by his wife, he persevered.