

# Participles

## ► Make these sentences shorter by using participles.

Ex.: 1 While the boys were driving to the safari park, they met Pam and Helga.

*While driving to the safari park the boys met Pam and Helga.*

While the boys were driving home, they talked about the many animals they had seen.

- 2 The two hijackers<sup>1</sup> who were carrying machine-guns forced their way<sup>2</sup> into the cockpit of the plane to New York. The pilot who was told to fly to Mexico followed this order immediately<sup>3</sup>. Although the meals that were served by the stewardesses were excellent nobody touched them.
- 3 When the girl noticed how difficult the driving test was she began to cry.
- 4 Jim is the boy who was invited by the Watsons.
- 5 When Mr Wilson came home yesterday, he saw that his wife was preparing dinner.
- 6 Mr Chesterfield who likes desserts has a wife who hates them.
- 7 The criminal stood behind the wall and saw the police who came nearer.
- 8 Our love is like a wonderful story that never ends.
- 9 Mary watched the thief who climbed up to her window.
  
- 10 When Mr Smith looked out of the window yesterday afternoon, he saw a man who was attacked by a dog.
- 11 Mary sat in the cinema. She watched the new Harry Potter film.
- 12 Yesterday Jim saw two cars. They ran into each other.
- 13 Last night I heard my father. He was coming down the stairs.
- 14 The unhappy husband sat on a bench and stared at the dark clouds in the sky.
- 15 The English king who was killed in the Battle of Hastings was Harold.
- 16 Their love is like a story which reminds me of<sup>4</sup> Romeo and Juliet.
- 17 The woman over there who is talking to my father is my aunt.
- 18 Joan watched Lucy who was kissing her boyfriend.
- 19 Because Miss Lynn was late for work, she couldn't read the morning newspaper as usual.
- 20 When Mark came home from work he saw the man who tried to steal his computer.
  
- 21 We heard the children who were happily singing in the garden.
- 22 I felt that a spider<sup>5</sup> was creeping over my leg.
- 23 While Sam was walking along the river he saw a big boat.
- 24 When the dog saw the cat it ran away.
- 25 Because I know that smoking isn't good for me I want to give it up now.
- 26 The teacher who beats his pupils isn't a good teacher.
- 27 A pupil who doesn't learn can't expect<sup>6</sup> any progress.

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1 hijacker *Flugzeugentführer* 2 to force one's way *sich gewaltsam Zutritt verschaffen* 3 immediately *sofort, unverzüglich* 4 to remind s.o. of *jdn. an etwas erinnern* 5 spider *Spinne* 6 to expect *erwarten*