

PARTICIPLES

Complete the following sentences by choosing one of the two words or phrases given in brackets.

- (a) Seeing me coming (the man, the man he) ran towards me.
(b) (Turning the corner, When he turned the corner) the brick fell on his head.

Exercise 8

Join the following pairs of sentences using the participle construction. When you have done so, write similar sentences of your own.

1. He thought it was my birthday. He came to visit me.
2. I stopped at a corner. I asked a policeman the way.
3. She thought I was a friend of hers. She greeted me.
4. I was ill. I did not go to work yesterday.
5. They found the door shut. They had to climb through the window.
6. He decided not to wait any longer. He left the office.
7. The guard was killed. The prisoner escaped.
8. I saw the car coming. I did not cross the street.
9. He has been abroad for many years. He is now finding it difficult to settle down.
10. He was told to go. He left immediately.
11. He was not able to understand. He asked the teacher to explain.
12. I was afraid. I returned to my room.
13. He has been asked to leave. He went away at once.
14. She did not believe me. She went to see for herself.
15. I felt very tired. I went straight to bed.

Tenses

THE PAST AND PAST CONTINUOUS The past continuous tense is used often when one action is interrupted by another. Interruption is usually indicated by the words *when*, *as*, and *while*. Example:

I was writing a letter *when* the telephone rang.

Choose the correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

When I was young I often (went, was going) to my aunt's house. I (was playing, played) with my cousins from morning till night. Every day we (climbed, were climbing) the hills around the house and (were walking, walked) down to the sea. We occasionally (went, were going) swimming. At midday, we always (were returning, returned) home.