

## Participles

**Verbals** are formed from verbs but are used as nouns, adjectives, and adverbs. The three kinds of verbals are the *participle*, the *gerund*, and the *infinitive*.

**16e.** A **participle** is a verb form that can be used as an adjective.

There are two kinds of participles. **Present participles** end in *-ing*. Most **past participles** end in *-d* or *-ed*. The perfect tense of a participle is formed with *having* or with *having been*.

**EXAMPLES** **Growing** teenagers need nutritious diets. [*Growing*, a form of the verb *grow*, modifies the noun *teenagers*.]

Toby's shirts, **having been washed and pressed**, were hanging in the closet. [*Washed and pressed*, forms of the verbs *wash* and *press*, modify the noun *shirts*.]

**EXERCISE** In each sentence below, underline the participle once and the word it modifies twice.

**Example 1.** The African dinosaur, having been found, now needed a name.

1. Searching, we found several baseball games on television.
2. Raul plays the part of a wandering minstrel in our skit.
3. Six birds huddled in the branches under the pouring rain.
4. Having won, the Panthers agreed that the co-captains should accept the trophy.
5. The spruce trees, having been planted and nurtured, were ready to harvest.
6. In what ways do the entwined DNA strands communicate information?
7. Exploring, the botanist collected a few seeds during his walk.
8. The farmer hoped that his hay, cut and baled, would bring a good price.
9. The growing children constantly needed larger shoes.
10. For our lemonade Mimi added frozen cubes of orange juice instead of regular ice cubes.
11. The leading candidate gratefully acknowledged people's support in the election.
12. The geese, having landed, seemed reluctant to take off again.
13. In an algebra problem, the derived value of  $x$  may not always equal  $y$ .
14. The setting sun cast a beautiful light over the meadow.
15. The judges handed the presenter the sealed envelope that contained the winner's name.
16. Having overslept, we caught the last commuter train on the morning schedule.
17. The chosen applicants must attend the orientation meeting Monday morning.
18. Final grades, having been recorded and posted, were also mailed to us.