GRAMMAR

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Participles and Participial Phrases A

5e. A *participle* is a verb form that can be used as an adjective.

PARTICIPLE The **crying** child asked for his mother.

A participial phrase consists of a participle together with its modifiers and complements. The entire phrase is used as an adjective.

PARTICIPIAL PHRASE The record broken by José Canseco was impressive.

EXERCISE Circle each participle used as an adjective in the following sentences. If the participle has modifiers or complements, underline the complete participial phrase.

Examples 1. (Scattered) evidence was found in the house.

- **2.** (Hammering) the nails, Midori envisioned the treehouse she would have.
- 1. The baking bread smelled delicious.
- **2.** Shaped like a flag, the sand sculpture won first prize.
- **3.** Under a pile of magazines lay the forgotten letter.
- **4.** Frozen blueberries are his favorite dessert.
- **5.** Devoted soccer fans are looking forward to the season.
- **6.** Waking slowly, the dog stretched its legs.
- **7.** From behind the tree came a screeching sound.
- **8.** The lion basking in the sun looked sleepy.
- **9.** Surrounded by the smell of apples, I walked through the orchard.
- **10.** I heard something pounding against the windowpane.
- 11. Leaping into the air, the dancer thrilled the audience.
- **12.** The athlete, sweating heavily, grabbed a towel and a bottle of water.
- **13.** I did not want to eat the burned potatoes that my sister had cooked.
- Stapled in the corner, the test booklet contained ten pages.
- **15.** Closely written, the words filled every space on the diary pages.
- 16. Jake, slipping on a banana peel, let out a shriek.
- **17.** Smiling, I opened my birthday present.
- **18.** Examined by a doctor, his wrist will heal soon.
- **19.** I shook the brightly wrapped gift before opening it.
- **20.** The pet chosen by Trisha is a baby rabbit.