Participles and Participial Phrases B

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

EXAMPLES Did you see the **flying** bird? Perhaps we will find a hidden treasure.

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

EXAMPLE The tree **struck by lightning** has fallen.

EXERCISE Underline once the participles and participial phrases used as adjectives in the following sentences. Then, underline twice the word or words each participle or participial phrase modifies.

Example 1. Excited by the good news, Sherry called all her friends.

- 1. The clown entertaining the children at the party was funny.
- **2.** He had a surprised look on his face.
- We were awakened last night by a barking dog.
- **4.** Students participating in the event will meet after school.
- **5.** The woman wandering down the street was wearing a red hat.
- **6.** Surrounded by her closest friends, Jane enjoyed her birthday party.
- 7. As we entered the room, we noticed the broken vase on the floor.
- **8.** Her dad comforted her with a reassuring smile.
- **9.** The site was a perfect camping place for the night.
- **10.** Startled by the noise, the cat scrambled under the chair.
- **11.** Finally, they could see the train approaching in the distance.
- **12.** Everyone involved in the discussion expressed his or her opinion.
- **13.** We were happy with the services provided by that company.
- **14.** The married couple set out on their honeymoon.
- 15. When we were young, my friends and I always hoped to find buried treasure.
- **16.** Damaged by the storm, the car no longer ran.
- **17.** The school threw a huge party for the teacher retiring this year.
- **18.** We have to turn in our written work by the end of the week.
- **19.** The man jogging up the hill is my grandfather.
- **20.** Beatriz has always been a committed person.