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## Present and past participles as adjectives

*You are writing a report for the school newspaper about the school talent show. Complete your report by writing the correct form of the words in brackets.*

## School Talent Show a Huge Hit

The Annual School Talent Show was held last Friday in the school auditorium. Everyone was (1) thrilled (thrill) to watch a wide variety of great performances prepared by our fellow students.

The first performer was Craig from Class 3B. The audience was (2) delighted (delight) with Craig's masterful magic performance. At first, everyone was a bit (3) frightened (frighten) when he attempted a (4) terrifying (terrify) act—sawing a student in half. He did not look confident and hesitated with (5) trembling (tremble) hands. However, it was all a clever trick which served to make the audience all the more (6) astonished (astonish) in the end.

The next performer was John from Class 1A. Sadly, this was probably the most (7) embarrassing (embarrass) performance to watch. An amateur juggler John seemed (8) confused (confuse) with the arrangement of his acts. Ill-prepared for his show, he dropped his rings and balls and almost fell from his unicycle. Yet, our audience gave John a round of applause to show our appreciation of his efforts! The emcee Ellen also gave John a few (9) motivating (motivate) words to encourage him to come on the stage again next year!

Sandy from class 2C was the next to hit the stage. I think it is safe to say that everyone in the crowd was (10) amazed (amaze) by her simply (11) astonishing (astonish) performance. She sang a beautiful rendition of 'Let it go'. I think everyone was just so (12) surprised (surprise) because Sandy is such a quiet girl; no one expected her to be able to sing confidently on stage. She is such an (13) inspiring (inspire) figure of the night! Finally, Amanda from Class 4C graced the stage. She put on a truly (14) amusing (amuse) stand-up comedy performance. She made everyone laugh with her (15) engrossing (engross) stories.

Overall, it was a remarkable show and the audience went home feeling (16) satisfied (satisfy).

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## Present participle phrases

***Your aunt is writing a letter of complaint. She has asked your help to rewrite some of the sentences. Rewrite the underlined sentences using present participle phrases.***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about the performance given by your company entitled 'Circus Freaks' at the Star Theatre on 24 July. To me and my family the performance was a huge disappointment.

First of all, the promotional materials for the show advised us that we should arrive one hour early.

When we arrived at the specified time, we were disappointed to find out that we had to wait outside in the hot sun for another thirty minutes. (1) Arriving at the specified time, we were disappointed to find out that we had to wait outside in the hot sun for another thirty minutes. My son felt ill because of the heat. He ended up vomiting outside. (2) Feeling ill because of the heat, my son ended up vomiting outside. The circus staff made matters even worse. They did not apologize to me about the poor arrangements. (3) Making matters even worse, the circus staff did not apologize to me about the poor arrangements.

We were allowed to enter the theatre only after a one-hour delay. We walked to our seats. We soon found the atmosphere of the theatre unpleasant. (4) Walking to our seats, we soon found the

atmosphere of the theatre unpleasant. The theatre smells horrible. The theatre made us feel disgusted. (5) Smelling horrible, the theatre made us feel disgusted. My husband sat on his chair. My husband jumped up at once because there was a nail sticking out of it! (6) Sitting on his chair, my husband jumped up at once because there was a nail sticking out of it! I couldn't believe it!

Finally, the show started, but our night did not get any better. The sound equipment was obviously mismanaged. We couldn't stand the roaring sound from the speakers. We covered our ears with our fingers. (7) Covering our ears with our fingers, we couldn't stand the roaring sound from the speakers.

In addition, we sat in the front row. We did not expect there would be a giant pillar blocking our sight. (8) Sitting in the front row, we did not expect there would be a giant pillar blocking our sight. This was totally unexpected as it was not shown on the seating plan when we bought the tickets.

The show was advertised as 'family-friendly', so I thought it would be appropriate for my young ten-year-old son. However, this was not the case. The comedian used swear words in his performance. He was entirely unaware that his jokes embarrassed the young audience. (9) Using swear words in his performance, the comedian was entirely unaware that his jokes embarrassed the young audience. I was glad my son had his fingers in his ears for that. The dancing show that followed was not acceptable either.

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The dancers came on the stage in transparent costumes. The dancers put on a performance packed with provocative gestures. (10) Coming on the stage in transparent costumes, the dancers put on a performance packed with provocative gestures. Luckily, my son could not see it because of the huge pillar.

The other performances were not up to standard either. The juggler dropped her balls and rings many times. She was booed off the stage. (11) Dropping her balls and rings many times, the juggler was booed off the stage. The clown laughed at his own jokes again and again. He could not continue with his show naturally. (12) Laughing at his own jokes again and again, the clown could not continue with his show naturally.

It was not just the theatre and the performance which left us disappointed. We felt hungry during the intermission, so we decided to buy some snacks. (13) Feeling hungry during the intermission, we decided to buy some snacks. I felt surprised at the sky-high prices at the food counter. I hoped to get some delicious treats. (14) Feeling surprised at the sky-high prices at the food counter, I hoped to get some delicious treats. It turned out that the snacks were not tasty at all!

The last shocking thing was that the restrooms were filthy. When I went to the toilet, I found blood and excrement in two cubicles uncleaned. (15) Going to the toilet, I found blood and excrement in two cubicles uncleaned. The janitor was idling outside the restroom. The janitor was watching videos on her mobile phone. (16) Idling outside the restroom, the janitor was watching videos on her mobile phone. It is utterly unacceptable that a restroom could be so unsanitary and poorly maintained.

All in all, I am sure you will agree that this was a horrible experience. I expect a full refund for the cost of my tickets. I have attached my receipt for your reference.

Yours faithfully,

Beverly Wong

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## Past participle phrases

***You read a short story about the anecdotes of a family. You are writing a report about the story. Rewrite the underlined sentences using past participle phrases.***

*Where are the Laws?* is a short story by Daniel Tan. It is about some anecdotes of the daily life of the Laws family. What makes this story interesting is that Tan looks at a day of the Laws family from the eyes of different characters.

The story starts from the perspective of the elder brother, Tony. Tony was annoyed by the sound of his baby brother crying in the early morning, so he got up to see what the matter was. (1) Annoyed by the sound of his baby brother crying in the early morning, Tony got up to see what the matter was. He realized that his baby brother's nappy was soaking wet. Tony was disgusted by the dirty nappy, so he called for his mum. (2) Disgusted by the dirty nappy, Tony called for his mum. Tony's mum told him to be a good brother and change the nappy himself. Tony felt terrified by the thought of changing a nappy, so he tried to get his sister to do it. (3) Terrified by the thought of changing a nappy, Tony tried to get his sister to do it. However, Mandy just ignored him. That's when Tony plucked up his courage to do it himself, so he did. 'I didn't know it's just a piece of cake!' Tony felt proud of himself as he was surprised by how easy it was to change the nappy. (4) Surprised by how easy it was to change the nappy, Tony felt proud of himself. He was thrilled to tell Ms Law that he had moved one step forward to becoming a good elder brother.

The story then turns to the perspective of the younger sister, Mandy. Mandy was excited that her favourite YouTuber had uploaded a new video, so she spared the whole afternoon to watch it. (5) Excited that her favourite YouTuber uploaded a new video, Mandy spared the whole afternoon to watch it. Then, she heard Daniel asking for help, but she wasn't really paying much attention. She was uninterested in helping her brother, so she continued to watch the online video. (6) Uninterested in helping her brother, she continued to watch the online video. In the video, the YouTuber said that he was coming to visit Hong Kong the following month. Mandy was astonished by the news, so she jumped up and down shouting with glee. (7) Astonished by the news, Mandy jumped up and down shouting with glee. She had always wanted to meet this YouTuber and she would finally have the chance. That's when Ms Law came out from her room. Mandy told her about the news. But Ms Law wouldn't allow her to go to the fan meetup because she had an exam coming up. Mandy was devastated by what her mother said and she collapsed to the floor and began sobbing. (8) Devastated by what her mother said, Mandy collapsed to the floor and began sobbing.

From that point, the story moves on to the mother's perspective. Ms Law was tired from a long week of work, so she wanted nothing more than a rest in her comfortable bed. (9) Tired from a long week of work, Ms Law wanted nothing more than a rest in her comfortable bed. That's when her son Daniel yelled to her and asked her to change the baby's nappy.

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Ms Law was disappointed in her lazy son, so she told him to take some responsibility and help look after his baby brother. (10) Disappointed in her lazy son, Ms Law told him to take some responsibility and help look after his baby brother. After that, she heard a lot of noise. She was confused by the loud sounds coming from the living room, so she went out to see what was happening. (11) Confused by the loud sounds coming from the living room, she went out to see what was happening. Her daughter Mandy said she wanted to meet a foreign teenager. Ms Law told her that she would not allow it unless she got some improvement in her coming exam. Unsurprisingly, her daughter reacted like a little child. Ms Law was embarrassed by her daughter's behaviour, so she decided to go back to sleep for a while. (12) Embarrassed by her daughter's behaviour, Ms Law decided to go back to sleep for a while.

Now, the story turns to the family dog, Coco. Coco was bored by the family's antics, so he wandered into the kitchen. (13) Bored by the family's antics, Coco the dog wandered into the kitchen. He could see that the lower cabinet was left open and had the smell of dog treats. Coco was attracted by the smell of dog treats, so he began finding treats from the open cabinet. Just as he thought, there were indeed a lot of treats hidden in there. Coco was amazed by all the treats he found. He began to eat them up greedily. (14) Amazed by all the treats he found, Coco began to eat them up greedily.

Finally, the story shifts to the perspective of the housekeeper. When the housekeeper Anna arrived home, she saw Mandy whining on the floor and the house was in a mess. Anna was unsurprised by what she saw, so she just went to check out the kitchen. (15) Unsurprised by what she saw, Anna just went to check out the kitchen.

That's when she noticed Coco lying on the floor with a bunch of treat boxes next to him. She was shocked to see the dog passed out on the floor and she took him to the veterinarian immediately. (16) Shocked to see the dog passed out on the floor, she took him to the veterinarian immediately. Thanks to Anna's timely help, Coco turned out to be all right.

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## Consolidation

*You are writing an email to a friend to share with him a story you have just read.**Complete your email by writing the correct form of the words in brackets and rewriting the underlined sentences using present or past participle phrases.*

Dear Brad,

I've just read an (1) interesting (interest) and (2) entertaining (entertain) story called *A Knight's Quest*. It's a fantasy story about a knight called Sir William.The knight was in love with the princess of the kingdom, but she didn't think that he was worthy of her. (3) The knight was determined to prove his worth to the princess, so he went on an epic quest.On his quest, the knight came across a fearsome beast. (4) The knight found the beast's cave and explored it cautiously. The beast, however, could smell that there was a hunter coming in his cave. (5) The beast attacked as it was angered by the intruding knight.(6) The knight jumped out of the way just in time. He narrowly avoided the beast's attack.The knight quickly pulled out his sword and counterattacked. (7) The knight stabbed the beast with his sword and came out victorious. Personally, I have to say that this(8) amazing (amaze) action sequence is one of my favourite parts of the story.Having captured the head of the beast, the knight felt that his quest was complete. (9) He heard some terrible news when he was returning to the castle. While he was gone, the princess became ill and passed away. (10) The knight was devastated by the death of the princess, so he left the kingdom.He rode his horse for days and days. One night, while he sat in his camp, the knight heard a (11) terrifying (terrify) sound. He looked up and was startled to see an ancient dragon before him. (12) The knight drew his sword and prepared to battle the enormous dragon. The dragon, however, did not make any move and spoke in a cool, calm voice. The knight was surprised by the dragon and lowered his defences. The dragon told the knight that the people of his kingdom were (13) frightened (frighten) and (14) worried (worry). Without the knight to protect them, they felt that they were doomed. (15) The knight was inspired by the dragon and returned to the castle.When the knight finally arrived, he was (16) shocked (shock) to find the castle threatened by a massive giant. (17) The knight challenged the giant to a one-on-one duel. He unsheathed his great sword. (18) The giant was annoyed by the knight, so he smashed his immense club into the ground. At this point, the knight had to use his wits. He got underneath the giant and tripped him up. With the giant on the ground, the knight was then able to cut off his head. (19) All of the people in the castle were amazed by the knight's act of bravery. They cheered for him and welcomed him home.It's such a fabulous story. I'm really (20) excited (excite) to know that its sequel is coming up next year. You should definitely read it too, Brad!

Best wishes,

(Student's name)

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- (3) Determined to prove his worth to the princess, the knight went on an epic quest.
- (4) Finding the beast's cave, the knight explored it cautiously.
- (5) Angered by the intruding knight, the beast attacked.
- (6) Jumping out of the way just in time, the knight narrowly avoided the beast's attack.
- (7) Stabbing the beast with his sword, the knight came out victorious.
- (9) Returning to the castle, he heard some terrible news.
- (10) Devastated by the death of the princess, the knight left the kingdom.
- (13) Drawing his sword, the knight prepared to battle the enormous dragon.
- (15) Inspired by the dragon, the knight returned to the castle.
- (17) Challenging the giant to a one-on-one duel, the knight unsheathed his great sword.
- (18) Annoyed by the knight, the giant smashed his immense club into the ground.
- (19) Amazed by the knight's act of bravery, all of the people in the castle cheered for him and welcomed him home.