**Participles as adverbials (Partizipialkonstruktionen als adverbiale Bestimmungen)**

1. Hier ersetzt die Partizipialkonstruktion einen Nebensatz mit Konjunktion. Auch hier steht das present participle für einen Aktivsatz, das past participle für einen Passivsatz.

When he saw his mom, he started to run towards her. → Seeing his mom, he started to run towards her.

As he had been warned about a terrorist threat, the president was shielded by his bodyguards. → Warned about a terrorist threat, the president was shielded by his bodyguards.

1. Manche Partizipialkonstruktionen werden von Konjunktionen eingeleitet. Je nach Konjunktion, ändert sich die Bedeutung.

While I was staying with my friend in Chicago, I went to see the Blue Man Group.

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While, though, as if können nicht weg gelassen werden, weil der Satz sonst automatisch als kausal (As) oder temporal (When) verstanden wird.

**Exercises:**

**Use participles to shorten the sentences or connect two sentences.**

1. As they knew they wouldn’t be able to catch the train in time, they decided to have a drink. ­ → Knowing they wouldn’t be able to catch the train in time, they decided to have a drink. ­
2. As the weather was fine, we went swimming. → The weather being fine, we went swimming.
3. He failed his exams again. So he finally decided to give up. → Having failed his exams again, he finally decided to give up.
4. When she found out that he had been cheating on her for quite some time, she dumped him. → Having found out that he had been cheating on her for quite some time, she dumped him.
5. When she realized that she had lost her purse, she went back immediately. → Realizing she had lost her purse, she went back immediately.
6. She arrived at home late. She found her husband dead on the floor. → Arriving at home late, she found her husband dead on the floor.
7. While she was listening to his complaints, she tried to answer the phone. → While listening to his complaints, she tried to answer the phone.
8. Though they did not have enough money, they made the reservation for the holiday package. → Though not having enough money, they made the reservation for the holiday package.
9. The man looked around suspiciously as if he expected to be followed by someone. → The man looked around suspiciously as if expecting to be followed by someone.
10. When we walked across the field, we saw many birds. → Walking across the fields, we saw many birds.