

Unit 12 Sentence stock market

Six of the following sentences featuring participle clauses contain errors. You have 60 dollars to buy the six sentences that you think are correct. If you buy an incorrect sentence, you lose the money you invested in it. For each correct sentence you invest in, the money you spent on it will double. You can spend as much money as you would like on each sentence, but no more than 60 dollars in total.

1 Having listened to his entire story, I decided he was telling the truth. _____

2 Explained the procedure multiple times, he was shocked she did everything incorrectly. _____

3 Staring at the sunset, Mary felt a deep sense of peace. _____

4 Walking through the forest, I noticed a vibrant array of wildflowers. _____

5 Drink her morning coffee, Sarah contemplated her busy day ahead. _____

6 Have finished his lunch, he decided to take a long, refreshing nap. _____

7 Running late for the meeting, Jane rushed to her car. _____

8 Lost in thought, Mark almost missed his bus. _____

9 While hiked up the steep mountain trail, we enjoyed breathtaking views of the valley. _____

10 Drenching in rain, the children giggled and splashed in puddles. _____

11 Listening the soothing music, the stress of the day melted away. _____

12 Lying on the beach, the sound of crashing waves lulled him into a peaceful slumber. _____

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Activity

Pair work: speaking and reading

Aim

To improve students' awareness of the correct formation of participle clauses

Grammar

Participle clauses

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair.

Time

15 minutes

Teaching notes

Procedure

- › Tell your students that they are going to be presented with twelve sentences that use participle clauses; however, six of the sentences contain errors. With a budget of 60 dollars, they will work in pairs to invest in six sentences that they think are correct.
- › They can spend as much money as they would like on each sentence (e.g., 10 dollars for one, 20 dollars for another) depending on how certain they are. However, for every incorrect sentence they buy, they will lose their entire investment; meanwhile, correct sentences will double in value.
- › The pair with the most money at the end is the winner.
- › Put your students in pairs and give each pair a worksheet. Ask them to work together to identify the correct sentences and decide how many dollars they would like to invest in each one. They should write the amount next to each one, and they cannot invest more than 60 dollars total.
- › Tell them they have five minutes to do the task. While they do it, circulate and provide support.
- › When they are finished, ask them to exchange their worksheet with another pair. Then reveal which sentences are incorrect, either by projecting them or writing the numbers of the incorrect sentences on the board. Tell each pair to check the worksheet they have been given, crossing out any value next to an incorrect sentence and doubling any value next to a correct one. Then they should add up the values to see how much money the pair has; the pair with the most money is the winner.
- › Finally, as a whole class activity, correct the incorrect sentences.

Answers

The incorrect sentences are:

- 2** Explained the procedure multiple times, he was shocked she did everything incorrectly.

Having explained the procedure multiple times, he was shocked she did everything incorrectly.

- 5** Drink her morning coffee, Sarah contemplated her busy day ahead.

Drinking her morning coffee, Sarah contemplated her busy day ahead.

- 6** Have finished his lunch, he decided to take a long, refreshing nap.

Having finished his lunch, he decided to take a long, refreshing nap.

- 9** While hiked up the steep mountain trail, we enjoyed breathtaking views of the valley.

Hiking up the steep mountain trail, we enjoyed breathtaking views of the valley.

- 10** Drenching in rain, the children giggled and splashed in puddles.

Drenched in rain, the children giggled and splashed in puddles.

- 11** Listening the soothing music, the stress of the day melted away.

Listening to the soothing music, the stress of the day melted away.