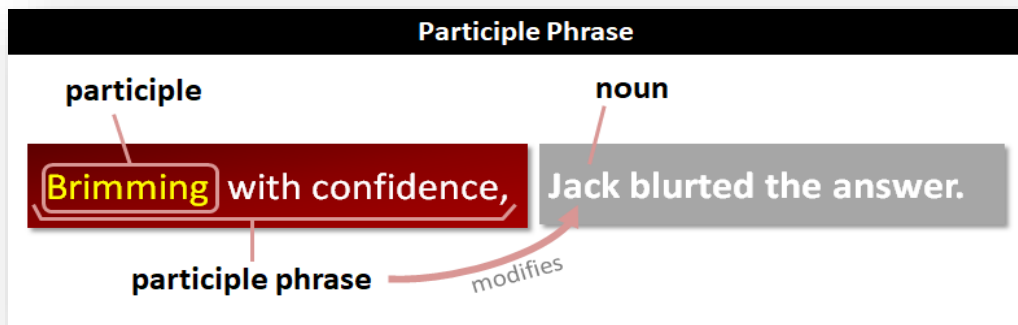


## Participle Phrase

A participle phrase is an adjective phrase headed by a participle.



### Examples of Participle Phrases:

In each of these examples, the participle phrase is shaded and the participle is in bold.

(Remember that participle phrases function as adjectives.)

- **Peering over the top of his glasses**, her tutor shook his head.  
(The participle phrase describes "her tutor.")
- **Cracked from top to bottom**, the mirror was now ruined.  
(The participle phrase describes "the mirror.")
- Look at the panther **climbing the tree**.  
(The participle phrase describes "the panther.")
- Sebastian reached across for the pipe, **signaling his agreement with the chief's proposal**.  
(The participle phrase describes "Sebastian.")

### A Participle Phrase Can Start with a Past Participle or a Present Participle

Here is a quick review about participles. Remember that a participle is a verb form that can be used as an adjective. There are two types of participles:

- Present Participles (ending "-ing"). Here is an example of one as an adjective:
  - The **rising** tide
  - The **pounding** waves
- Past Participles (usually ending "-ed," "-d," "-t," "-en," or "-n"). Here is an example of one as an adjective:
  - The **risen** cake
  - The **broken** window

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