

Preliminary Grammar Builder- Participle clauses

1 Choose the correct meaning, A or B.

0 Jake fell over, breaking his glasses.

A Jake fell over because his glasses were broken.

B Jake's glasses broke because he fell over.

1 Having read the book, I don't need to see the film.

A I have to read the book but I don't need to see the film.

B It isn't necessary to see the film because I've already read the book.

2 Stored in a fridge, the dish will stay fresh for four days.

A If you store it in a fridge, the dish will stay fresh for four days.

B I stored the dish in a fridge for four days.

3 Being a doctor, people often ask me for advice.

A Doctors often ask me for advice.

B People ask me for advice because I'm a doctor.

4 Having passed the driving test, I was able to buy a car.

A I was able to buy a car because I'd passed the driving test.

B I bought a car before I passed the driving test.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the article with words from the box. There are three extra words

annoyed	arrested	arresting	being	born	having	become
joining	leaving	left	needing	used	using	

The true story of Alexander Selkirk

(0) Born in Scotland in 1676, Selkirk was the son of a shoemaker, and very different from the character he inspired in the novel *Robinson Crusoe*. as a teenager he was very badly behaved.
 (1) _____ for causing trouble in 1695, he was ordered to appear in court, but he ran away to sea, (2) _____ the crew of the pirate ship, *Cinque Ports*. He was a skilled sailor and was quickly promoted. (3) _____ sailing master in 1703, Selkirk soon started arguing with Thomas Stradling, the ship's captain. In October 1704, (4) _____ to collect fresh food and water for his ship, captain Stradling decided to stop at one of the deserted islands of Juan Fernandez. (5) _____ an old ship, the *Cinque Ports* also needed repairs. Selkirk wanted the crew to repair the ship, but the captain refused, and, (6) _____ by Selkirk's continued demands, sailed away without him. (7) _____ alone on the island for more than four years, Selkirk had to find ways to stay alive. Fortunately, he was able to make his own clothes and tools, (8) _____ the skills he had learnt from his father.

3 Complete the sentences with participle clauses, using the information in brackets.

- 0 Having three children _____, we don't get much free time. (because we have three children)
- 1 _____ we left the restaurant. (after we'd paid for the meal)
- 2 _____, *Invictus* is based on a true story. (it was filmed in 2009)
- 3 Karen ran out of the building, . _____ (she called for help)
- 4 _____, I noticed two people arguing. (as I looked out of the window)
- 5 _____, this rose can grow to a height of two metres.(if you plant it in a sunny spot)

ANSWERS

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1 B

2 A

3 B

4 A

2

1 Arrested

2 joining

3 Having become

4 needing

5 Being

6 annoyed

7 Left

8 using

3

1 Having paid for the meal

2 Filmed in 2009

3 calling for help

4 Looking out of the window

5 Planted in a sunny spot