

## PRACTICE IDENTIFYING PARTICIPLES

This practice sheet supports study of the novel *Jurassic Park*. It is aligned with Indiana Standard 9.6.1.

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A **participle** is a verb form that acts as an adjective.

- **Present participles** end in *-ing*.

Examples: The sound of *running* water told me the pipe had burst. (*Running* modifies *water*.)  
The *snarling* dog scared us, and we left. (*Snarling* modifies *dog*.)

- **Past participles** often end in *-ed* or *-t*, but they can also take other forms.

Examples: A *watched* pot never boils. (*Watched* modifies *pot*.)  
The house *built* of straw collapsed when the wolf blew it down. (*Built* modifies *house*.)  
The ice cream *left* in the bowl began to melt. (*Left* modifies *ice cream*.)

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Directions: Underline the participles in the following sentences. Draw an arrow from the participle to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

1. Bob Morris had a disturbing suspicion about John Hammond's activities.
2. Hammond searched through stockpiled amber for dinosaur DNA.
3. Grant told Hammond, "We have evidence of a living dinosaur."
4. "Why would they install electrified fences at a resort?" Ellie wondered.
5. On the computer screen Grant had a glimpse of the velociraptor skeleton, beautifully defined, with a long neck.
6. A partially exposed skeleton was at risk from wind and rain, so it was covered up.
7. The team had used computer-assisted sonic tomography, or CAST, all summer with varying results.
8. Hammond planned to open the island, in his words, "to a surprised and delighted public."
9. Dodgson wanted Nedry to steal frozen dinosaur embryos.
10. Ian Malcolm explained that every complex system has an underlying order.
11. Malcolm had described weather as a complicated system.
12. Isla Nublar's forested slopes were wreathed in fog.
13. As they descended, Grant was watching a glowing fluorescent cross beneath the Plexi bubble of the helicopter.
14. After a thrilling landing, everyone was climbing out of the helicopter quickly.
15. Surprised, Grant had looked up at the dinosaur for a long time.

**Writing:** Write a paragraph about Hammond, Grant, or Ellie. Use at least five participles.

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