Dangling or Unrelated Participles:

Solutions

*In this exercise, two sentences need to be connected to make them sound more elegant. Tick the correct sentence.*

**1. We took our seats. Then we watched the game.**

☑ Taking our seats, we watched the game.

□ Taking our seats, the game started.

**2. The evening passed pleasantly. We ate snacks and watched TV.**

☑ We passed the evening pleasantly, eating snacks and watching TV.

□ Eating snacks and watching TV, the evening passed pleasantly.

**3. We sat there a while. Then it began to snow, and we went inside.**

□ After sitting there a while, it began to snow, and we went inside.

☑ After sitting there a while, we went inside because it began to snow.

**4. We were in a hurry to leave. His mom did not notice that we had not done our homework.**

□ Being in a hurry to leave, his mom did not notice that we had not done our homework.

☑ Being in a hurry to leave, we slipped past his mom, so she did not notice that we had not done our homework.

5. **I read the newspaper. Our neighbors’ dog started to bark.**

☑ Reading the newspaper, I heard our neighbors’ dog start to bark.

□ Reading the newspaper, our neighbors’ dog started to bark.

**6. I left him. Now life seems empty to me.**

□ Since leaving him, life has seemed empty to me.

☑ Since leaving him, I feel life has become empty.

**7. They walked across the street. His cell phone fell out of his pocket.**

□ Walking across the street, his cell phone fell out of his pocket.

☑ His cell phone fell out of his pocket, when they walked across the street.

**8. I finished my work. Then the teacher gave me a new task.**

☑ Having finished my work, I was given a new task by the teacher.

□ Having finished my work, the teacher gave me a new task.

**9. I turned around the corner. A man bumped into me.**

□ Turning around the corner, a man bumped into me.

☑ Turning around the corner, I was run over by a man.