

## Participles – mixed exercises

Use participle constructions to shorten or connect sentences.

1. The burning of fossil fuels is the largest source of heat-trapping pollution. It produces about two billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year. → The burning of fossil fuels is the largest source of heat-trapping pollution **producing** about two billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year.
2. The country's second-largest source of carbon pollution is the transportation sector, which generates about 1.7 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions a year. → The country's second-largest source of carbon pollution is the transportation sector **generating** about 1.7 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions a year.
3. Scientists claim that droughts which will happen in the future will be more severe. → Scientists claim that droughts **happening** in the future will be more severe.
4. Burning fossil fuels leads to warmer temperatures and causes sea levels to rise. → Burning fossil fuels leads to warmer temperatures **causing** sea levels to rise.
5. Severe droughts could cause more dramatic water shortages and increase the risk of wildfires in the American West. → Severe droughts could cause more dramatic water shortages **increasing** the risk of wildfires in the American West.
6. When you look for a new car, try to find one with good mileage and low emissions. → When **looking** for a new car, try to find one with good mileage and low emissions.
7. Today we can see icebergs that are melting at an unprecedented pace. → Today we can see icebergs **melting** at an unprecedented pace.
8. We can also hear people who claim that climate change is not human-made. → We can also hear people **claiming** that climate change is not human-made.
9. While we enjoy our vacation, we can also try to emit less CO<sub>2</sub>. → While **enjoying** our vacation, we can also try to emit less CO<sub>2</sub>.
10. People who have lived in coastal areas for some time are beginning to feel the impact of higher tides. → People **having lived** in coastal areas for some time are beginning to feel the impact of higher tides.