

FOCUS 4 (B2)
2 HUMAN NATURE
2.7 USE OF ENGLISH
+ 2.8 WRITING



Questions



GOALS



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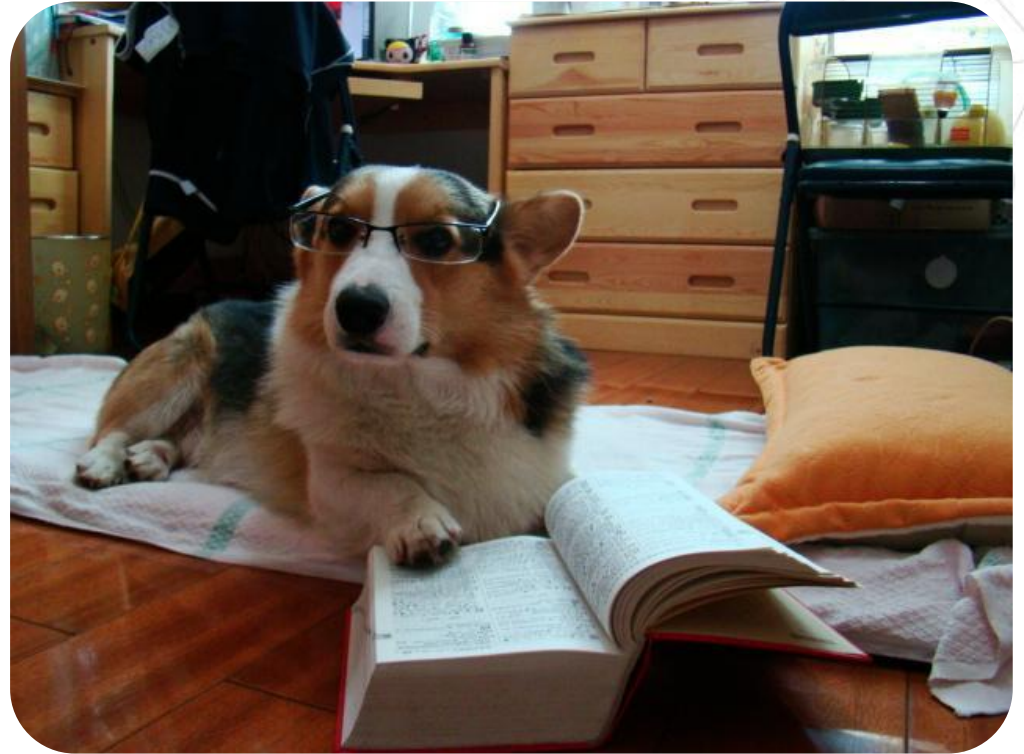
Get acquainted with writing techniques to attract reader’s attention to be able to write your own article.



Comprehend the essence of adolescence.



Learn more about participle clauses





Anna's looking for a room

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I'm sociable, so I'd love to live with like-minded people. I hope we may ¹ share/have the same interests. I have an excellent sense of ² humour and I like to ³ have a laugh. I don't have any nasty ⁴ habits and I've never ⁵ broken the law 😊. My private life is perfectly ⁶ normal.



Martin's looking for a room

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I'm a medical student, so I work long hours at the hospital. I usually go back to my home town to visit my parents two weekends a month or whenever I ⁷ have a day off. I eat out a lot because I can't cook. I'd like to live with somebody who has ⁸ high standards of cleanliness and is ⁹ neat and tidy like me. Please get in touch if you like my profile.



8 Complete the questions with one word in each gap.

- 1 Do you sometimes doubt yourself or are you always supremely confident?
- 2 Are you messy or neat and tidy?
- 3 Are you shy or do you like being the centre of attention?
- 4 Are you a good citizen? Have you ever broken the law?
- 5 Are you emotional? How likely are you to burst into tears?
- 6 Can you remember the last time you roared with laughter?

7 Choose the correct option, A, B, C or D. Which sentences are true for you?

1 Dad says it's important to set _____ standards for yourself.

- A fine B tall C high D big

2 My sister has a _____ imagination and draws incredible pictures.

- A vivid B detailed C sharp D strong

3 The last film I saw was rubbish. I was _____ disappointed.

- A totally B absolutely C bitterly D completely

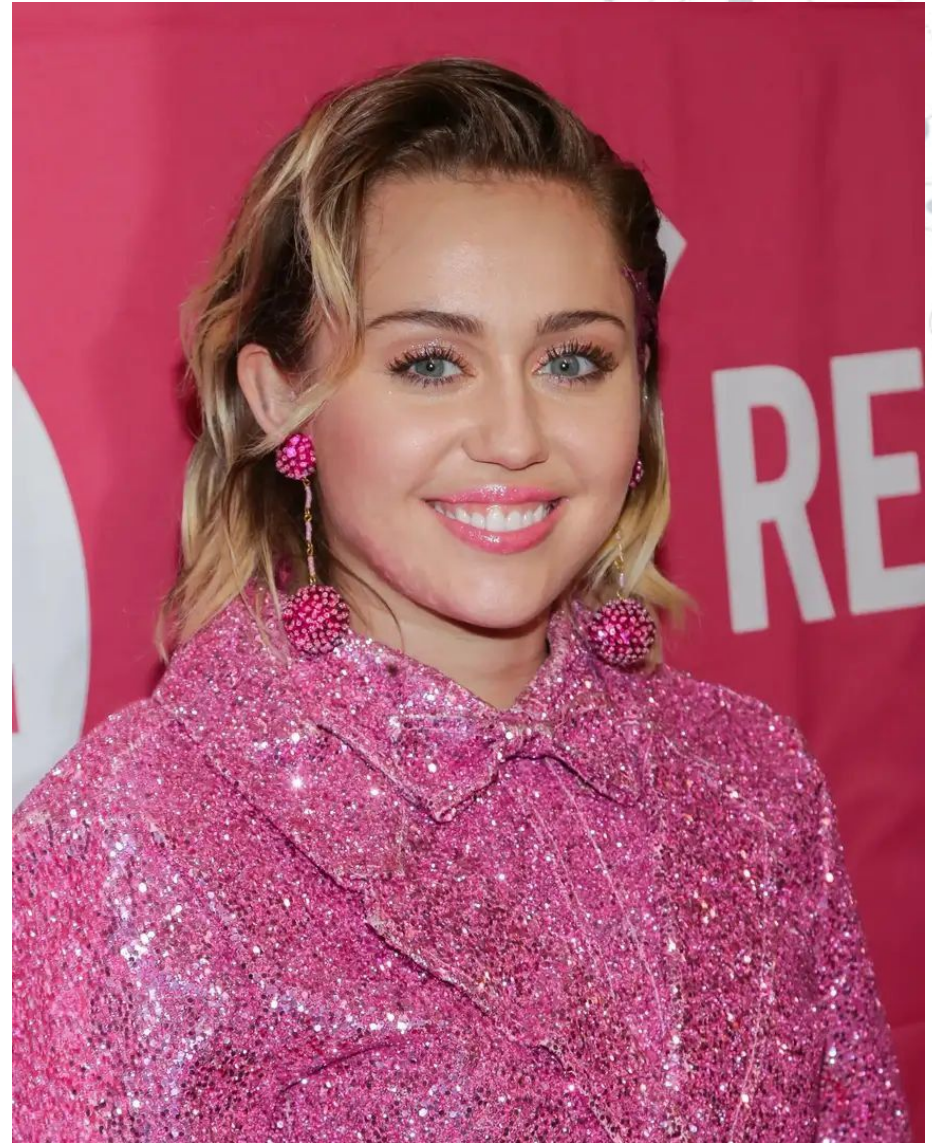
4 Most of my online friends are best described as _____ acquaintances.

- A occasional B casual C nearby D relaxed

5 I eat well and try to lead a _____ lifestyle.


- A strong B fit C wise D healthy

USE FIVE COLLOCATIONS. WHAT KIND OF NEIGHBOUR WOULD THIS CHARACTER BE?



??? - transitional phase of growth
and development between
childhood and adulthood





ADOLESCENCE - transitional
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LOOK AT THE PHOTO.
Which aspects of adolescence do they illustrate?

Why is adolescence a “roller coaster ride”?



What are the best things about being a young adult?

What new challenges do you face as a young adult?



Roller coaster ride

A series or period of drastic changes that occur without warning

After she graduated from college, her life became a roller coaster ride filled with ups and downs as she tried to establish herself as a fashion designer.



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Read "Have you say" and "The winning article" on the Psychology Magazine website. Did the author mention any of the **pleases / challenges** you discussed?

So many men, so many minds.


I'd been watching The Big Bang Theory all night, **which is why** I overslept.

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What is the main author's conclusion? Do you agree?

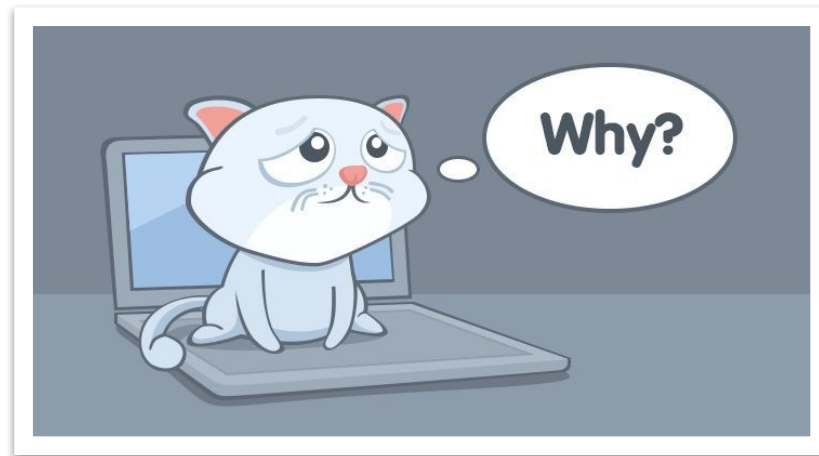


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PARTICIPLE CLAUSE TO EXPRESS REASON





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*Because we were children(**past**), most of us lived carefree and happy lives(**past**).*

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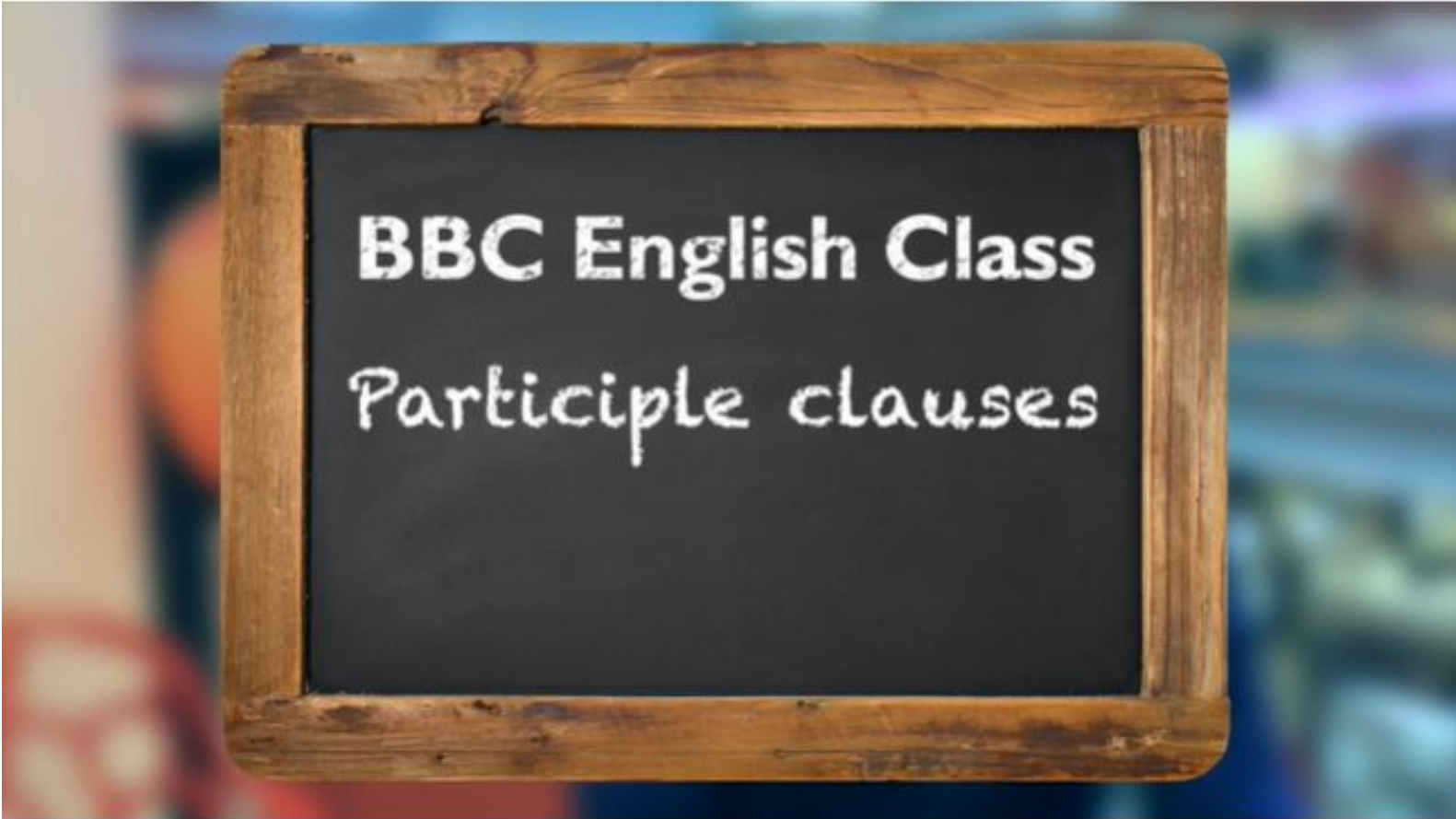
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Because they have grown physically(past), many adolescents expect to be treated as adults(present).

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BBC English Class
Participle clauses

The group wants
The group want

Summary

Using a present participle clause can give a reason for the action in the main clause, which can be past, present or future. The time is indicated by the form of the main verb. The participle clause doesn't change.

- **Being young, I made** lots of mistakes.
*Because I **was** young I made lots of mistakes.*
- **Being inexperienced, he makes** lots of mistakes.
*Because he **is** inexperienced he makes lots of mistakes.*
- **Being the only person there, you will** have to make the coffee yourself.
*Because you **will** be the only person there you will have to make the coffee yourself.*

Perfect participle (Having + past participle)

This form indicates that the action described in the participle clause happened before the action of the main clause. The meaning can be past, past perfect or present perfect. The time is indicated by the form of the main verb. The participle clause doesn't change.

- **Having tried the coffee, I don't** recommend it.
*Because I **tried/have tried** the coffee, I don't recommend it.*
- **Having discussed it with my teacher, I** decided to take the exam a year early.
*Because I **had discussed** it with my teacher I decided to take the exam a year early.*



Question 1 of 5

Help


_____ younger than my brother, I always got his old clothes.

A Be


B Was

C Being

Check my answer >



6 Read the LANGUAGE FOCUS and rewrite the underlined fragments using participle clauses.

- 1 Because they want to look stylish, many adolescent boys also enjoy shopping for clothes.
 - 2 Because they attend mixed schools, most adolescent boys and girls receive the same education.
 - 3 Because I grew up with three sisters, I know something about the differences between boys and girls.
 - 4 Because they are stereotypes, such statements do contain an element of truth, of course.
 - 5 Because I have always got on well with boys, I think I understand some of their attitudes.
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Having seen the film before, I ...

Feeling shy, Laura ...

Being tired, Katie ...

Having washed her hair, ...

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WRITING FOCUS

An article

Title

Attract the reader's attention from the start:

- 1 ask a question (*Are These the Best Days of Our Lives?*)
- 2 use vivid adjectives (*Adolescence: Thrilling and Terrifying*)
- 3 summarise the topic (*The Pains and Pleasures of Adolescent Life*)
- 4 use rhyme/wordplay (*Top Ten Tips for Troubled Teens*)

Introduction

Define the topic and hold the reader's attention:

- 5 ask a question
- 6 tell a short anecdote
- 7 give an interesting or surprising fact or figure
- 8 give a quotation

Main paragraphs

Develop the topic and discuss all the issues mentioned in the question.

Conclusion

Give your personal opinion and leave the reader with something to think about:

- 9 ask a question
- 10 refer to the future
- 11 make an appeal or suggestion
- 12 return to the idea in the title or the introduction

Note: Articles tend to be written in a formal or semi-formal style. In a formal article avoid: informal phrases (*I think = As far as I am concerned ...*), colloquial language (*Most parents reckon that ... = In most parents' opinions ...*) and contractions (*don't = do not*).



Read the example article introductions and conclusions. Decide which techniques 5–12 in the **WRITING FOCUS** the authors used.

Introductions:

- a It's easy to forget that 100 percent of adults alive today were once teenagers like us. As a young man, my 'sensible' father was a real rebel. He rode a motorbike and got a tattoo at the age of sixteen.
- b In his famous book, American author John Gray said that 'Men are from Mars, women are from Venus'. Does this also apply to adolescents? Are younger men and women really so different from each other?

Conclusions:

- c As I began by saying, men and women differ in many ways, but individuals also differ regardless of their gender. We should be wary of stereotyping, respect each other and cooperate to use our strengths for a common good.
- d So, as a regular teenage girl, am I really that different from the boy sitting opposite me in class? Perhaps not. Whether we will become more or less alike in later life remains to be seen.






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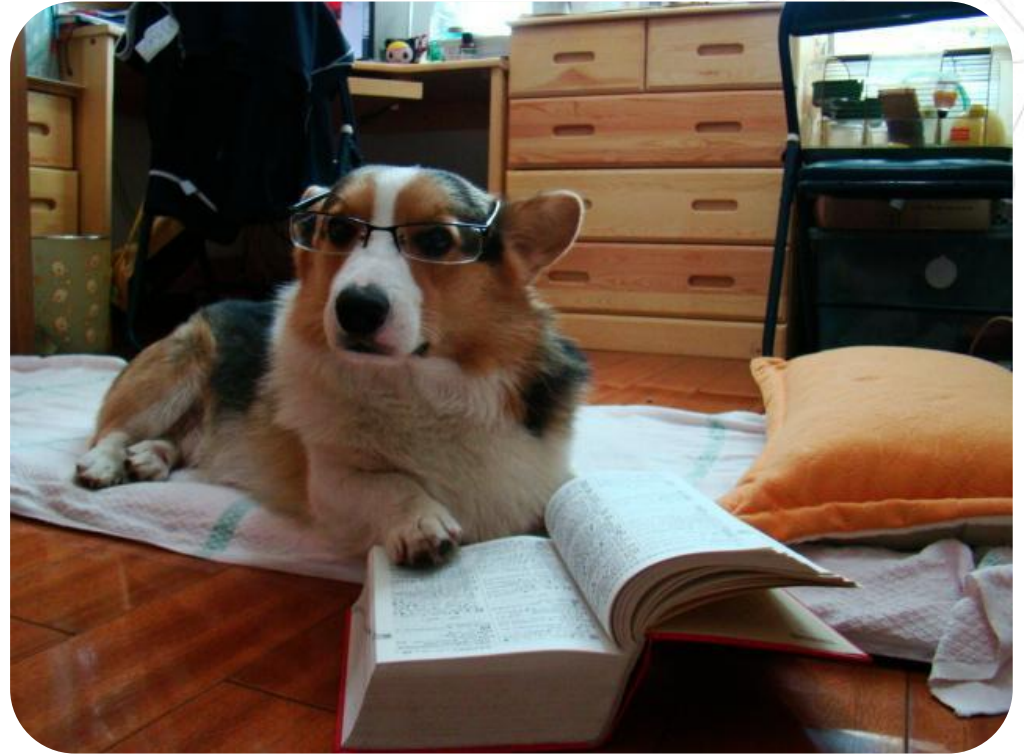
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SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

8 You are going to reply to *This week's competition* on the *Psychology Magazine* website. Look at page 30, read the topic on the website and think about the following:

- Where will your article appear and who will read it?
 - Choose two or three gender-based stereotypes you think are untrue or unfair (see Exercise 7 for ideas). Note down reasons to support your views.
 - Select techniques from the WRITING FOCUS to help you attract and hold the reader's attention.
 - Make sure you use a formal or semi-formal style.
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WB. Unit 2.8, ex. 1,2,6
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Splendid!

Mistakes

Progress :)

**The best thing
about being
young adult is**

**Housework
Homework**

Household chore

**You know what
you will do.**

**Mop the floor
Sweep the floor**

Do the dishes

Rate your work!!!)



THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!
ENJOY THE EVENING :)



Thank
you