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## Participles Practice

Directions: Underline the participle phrase. Draw two lines under the word(s) that the participle modifies.

1. Killer whales, long known as “wolves of the sea,” have suffered from an undeserved notoriety.
2. Seeking to test the supposedly ferocious nature of the killer whale, scientists have studied their behavior.
3. After extensive study, scientists discovered that there is no documented case of an attack on a human by a killer whale.
4. Trainers, teaching killer whales to perform a amusement parks, learned that their charges were intelligent and gentle.
5. Congregating in Johnston Strait, a narrow channel between Vancouver Island and British Columbia in Canada, killer whales swim and mate al year round.
6. Choosing this spot to observe the mammals, researchers were able to identify over one hundred individual whales.
7. Noting the unique shape of each whale’s dorsal fin, this team of scientists named each whale to keep more accurate records.
8. Impressed by the long life span of killer whales, scientists have estimated that males may live fifty years and females may survive a century.
9. Cruising in groups called pods, killer whales are highly social animals.
10. During the summer and fall in Johnston Strait, many pods gather, splashing and playing in “superpods.”

11. Hoping to be the first to reach the South Pole, the British explorer Robert Scott, taking four men with him, began his final dash to the pole on January 4, 1912.
12. Leading Scott by sixty miles, however, a Norwegian expedition, commanded by Roald Amundsen, was moving swiftly.
13. Having learned about Amundsen, Scott realized a race to the pole was on.
14. Plagued by bad weather and bad luck, Scott fell farther behind Amundsen.
15. Reaching the pole on January 17, the British found the Norwegians had already been there.
16. Weakened by scurvy, frostbite, and exhaustion, the five explorers set out on the eight-hundred-mile journey back to their base ship.
17. One member of the party, overcome by exhaustion and injuries, died before half the journey had been completed.
18. On March 15, another member, leaving the camp at night, walked deliberately to his death in a violent blizzard.
19. Eight months later, a rescue mission, sent to find out what had happened, found the bodies of Scott and his companions.
20. Today the ill-fated Scott expedition, acclaimed for its heroism, is better known than the successful Amundsen expedition.

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Participial Phrases

Directions: In each of the following sentences, identify all participial phrases by placing [brackets] around them. Then, draw an arrow from each phrase to the word(s) it modifies.

1. Known as Johnny Appleseed, John Chapman distributed apple seeds and saplings to families bound for the West.
2. Needing a sustained wind for flight, the albatross rarely crosses the Equator.
3. As many as forty adders coiling together can prevent heat loss.
4. Having been aided by warm weather and clear skies, the sailors rejoiced as they arrived on time.
5. The salmon, deriving its pink color from its diet, feeds on shrimp-like crustaceans.
6. Smiling broadly, our reigning champion entered the hall.
7. Searching for old clothes in a trunk, John found directions for finding a treasure buried on the shore.
8. Sparta and Athens, putting aside their own rivalry, fought off the Persians.
9. Deeply concerned about poor Kentucky children, Jesse Stuart taught in small and often primitive classrooms.
10. Writing the request for a second time, she insisted on an expeditious answer.