

Exercise H\

Rewrite the sentences using 'it being' or 'there being', Translate the sentences.

Model: There were no questions, so the meeting ended quickly.
There being no questions, the meeting ended quickly.

It is rainy, so there's no need in watering the garden.
It being rainy, there's no need in watering the garden.

1. It was a holiday, so there were thousands of cars on the roads.
2. There was no one in, so I left a message.
3. There was so much noise, I couldn't hear what was going on.
4. It was Sunday, so it was hard to find a place to park.
5. There were a lot of reporters at the conference, so it was impossible to take a close up.
6. It is expensive to launch a newspaper that is why only a rich person or a group of them can do it.

Pattern 2

Sb does sth, (with) sb / sth being ^{doing} done
e.g. The peaceful demonstration was broken up by the police,
(with) two people being wounded. - Мирная демонстрация была
разогнана полицией, при этом (и, причем) два человека были
ранены.

In Pattern 2 the Absolute Participle Construction follows the main clause and serves as an additional idea to the meaning of an adverbial modifier of manner or attending circumstance.

Exercise 82

Translate the sentences containing the APC following the main clause.

1. He was sitting in an armchair, a newspaper lying on his knees.

2. The English language seems to have become international, its expansion being irreversible.
3. How can you expect me to do any work with the children making so much noise?
4. The bill was not passed, the House of Lords having delayed it.
5. The sensational article was published, with the editorial expressing detachment of the newspaper.
6. The two parties broke into a hearty argument, each trying to put the blame on the other.
7. The election was to be held in early May, with only two contenders taking part in it.
8. First embassies were established by France, with royal secretaries managing them.
9. The bill was approved, there being no objections to it.
10. The media were censored, other freedoms being also restricted.

Exercise 83

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form of the Infinitive, Gerund or Participle.

- a. Snap!

Postmen have stopped (1 deliver) letters to the new houses in our area. They object to the letterboxes on the front doors. They hate (2 push) letters through them, because the letterboxes snap shut. If you try (3 push) a letter through, you can't get your fingers out! You try (4 push) a letter into one of these boxes and see what happens. You quickly regret (5 try). They have been designed (6 stop) burglars (open) your front door from the outside, but postmen fear (7 use) them as well. The painful condition known as Letterbox Finger is just as bad as Housemaid's Knee or Tennis Elbow!

- b.

Mass communication has revolutionized the modern world. In the United States, it has given rise to what social observers sometimes call a media state, a society in which access to power is through the media.