

# BEING (Part) Participles

Будучи в Лондоне (когда он был в Лондоне), у него не было трудностей в общении.  
 When in London (when he was in London), he had difficulty communicating.

Вид: Будучи школьником (так как я был школьником), я должен был носить школьную форму.  
 Being a schoolboy I had to wear a school uniform.

Будучи в Лондоне, (поскольку я в Лондоне) я не могу не посетить Шекспировский театр.  
 Being in London, I can't help attending the Shakespeare theatre.

Exercise 50  
**Put the verbs in the brackets in the non-perfect Participle I form.**

a. active

- Georgian is a unique Caucasian language (have) an ancient literary tradition.
- A quality paper is a serious national paper (aim) at the educated reader, (emphasise) detailed news coverage and (contain) a wide range of topical features written by experts in their field.
- The tendency is to watch TV while (sit) on your couch.
- Not (know) their telephone number I could not ring them up.
- He made his living (sell) newspapers.
- When (lie) he spoke more quickly than when (tell) the truth.

b. passive

- A crowd of children watched the house (pull) down.
- (write) in pencil, the letter was difficult to read.
- (make) of wood, the house caught fire very easily.
- The experiment (carry) out at the laboratory is very important for our future work.
- The white stone house (build) near the park is our new Art museum.
- Not (know) to anyone the young artist had difficulty selling his pictures.

before or after a noun

adverbial modifier of

*time* He continued to speak (while) walking down the path-  
 Шагая по тропинке, он продолжал говорить.

*reason* Not knowing what to do next she picked up a newspaper.-  
 Не зная, что делать дальше, она взяла в руки газету.  
 Being very tired, he went home at once. - Поскольку он очень устал, он сразу пошел домой.

*concession* Although loving him very much, she still refused to marry him. - Хотя она его очень любила, все же она отказалась выйти за него замуж.

*result* He kept talking leaving me no chance to say a word. - Он говорил и говорил, не давая мне возможности сказать хоть слово.

verbal part in Complex Subject (process is emphasised)

He was heard coming up the stairs slowly.- Было слышно, как он медленно поднимался по лестнице.

verbal part in Complex Object (process is emphasised)

I heard him coming up the stairs slowly.- Я видел, как он медленно поднимался по лестнице.

Note: Be careful translating the Russian 'будучи' when it is not an adverbial modifier of reason but that of time.

Compare:

Будучи школьником (когда я был школьником), я часто пропускал уроки.  
 When a schoolboy (when I was a schoolboy), I often missed classes.