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## Combining Sentences With Present Participles

**Combine the following sentences using present participles. ALL answers can be combined into one sentence.**

Example: The poet uses imagery throughout the text. She conveys the sense of melancholy she felt when she wrote it.

*The poet uses imagery throughout the text, conveying the sense of melancholy she felt when she wrote it.*

1. The players were vying for a scholarship. They practiced diligently for weeks.

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2. Many students anticipated a snow day. They didn't do their homework. Their teacher was unimpressed. He gave them all detention.

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3. Angela has been coping with the loss of her childhood pet. She has not been herself these past few weeks.

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4. The children cowered in the corner from the sound of thunder. They feared the roof might come right off!

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5. The skyscrapers towered above the tourists. They seemed to be reaching up into the clouds. This gave off a formidable impression.

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6. The magician captivated the audience with his card tricks. He was able to pocket their wallets. This left them shocked when they realized they were missing.

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7. Malcom abstained from from voting. He did not want to look biased. They were replacing his successor.

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8. Dylan loathed his violin lessons. He took every opportunity to skip them. He once even hid in the closet.

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9. The gnomes dwelled in the garden. They encountered many unwanted vermin.

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10. The hikers meandered through the woods. They encountered a path that led to a waterfall. It left them breathless.

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11. Aunt Bettie yammered for hours on the phone. She avoided the loneliness of her empty house.

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12. Julia always meddles in other people's business. She finds it quite difficult to maintain friendships.

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## Possible Answers

1. Vyng for a scholarship, the players practiced diligently for weeks.
2. Anticipating a snow day, the students didn't do their homework; their teacher was unimpressed, giving them all detention.
3. Coping with the loss of her childhood pet, Angela has not been herself these past few weeks.
4. Covering in the corner from the sound of thunder, the children feared the roof might come right off!
5. Towering above the tourists, the skyscrapers seemed to be reaching up into the clouds, giving off a formidable impression.
6. Captivating the audience with his card tricks, the magician was able to pocket their wallets, leaving them shocked when they realized they were missing.
7. Abstaining from from voting, Malcom did not want to look biased replacing his successor.
8. Loathing his violin lessons and taking every opportunity to skip them, Dylan once even hid in the closet.
9. Dwelling in the garden, the gnomes encountered many unwanted vermin.
10. Meandering through the woods, the hikers encountered a path that led to a waterfall, leaving them breathless.
11. Yammering for hours on the phone, Aunt Bettie avoided the loneliness of her empty house.
12. Always meddling in other people's business, Julia finds it quite difficult to maintain friendships.