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Using Present Participles as Modifiers

Underline participles and circle the nouns they modify. Some sentences may have more than one.

Example: The shooting star bolted across the sky.

1. The twirling ballerinas gracefully practiced their pirouettes.
2. The snarling lions gnashed their teeth before eating the zebra carcass.
3. Beaming, Mr. Jenkins nodded with pride at his blossoming garden.
4. Paul ignored the blinking light on his phone.
5. The sweltering heat reached dangerous levels in the city.
6. The whooping crane is an endangered North American bird species.
7. The minister did his best to comfort the grieving widow.
8. Unwavering, the soldiers stood at attention under the billowing flag.
9. Mr. Potts pulled three piping hot loaves out of the oven.
10. Mrs. Potts declared she had never tasted anything so exceeding scrumptious.

Underline participle phrases; and circle the nouns they modify.

Example: Strutting across the dance floor, Alfonso checked out all the girls.

11. Ignoring his mother's sound advice, Herbert got into a van with a strange man.
12. Downloading too much at once, Iago crashed his computer.
13. Hoping to save money, he enlisted the help of his friend Clarissa.
14. Aliyah, cramming for finals, barely got two hours of sleep last night.
15. Eduardo, celebrating his new promotion, treated his friends to dinner.
16. Hoping to communicate just once more, Diedre conjured the spirit of her late husband.
17. Illuminating the snowflakes, the streetlamps created a majestic effect for Jayden's usual walk home.
18. The senator, divulging new information about the investigation, called an immediate press hearing.
19. Accepting defeat, Jasmine resolved to place first at next year's debate championship.
20. Navigating rough waters, the early Polynesians populated some of the most remote islands in the Pacific.