

Participials:

We use this verb form as an adjective.

Ex:

Grilled steak, steamed vegetables, fried potatoes, and mouthwatering cheesecake made us full and happy.

Participial phrases

a participle with more words; the whole phrase serves as an adjective.

Ex:

(participial phrase)

cooked over an open fire

drizzled with chocolate

pleasing millions daily

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- A:** Read the first example sentence, please.
- B:** *Grilled steak, steamed vegetables, fried potatoes, and mouthwatering cheesecake made us full and happy.*
- A:** Sounds good. Do you see any participles?
- B:** I do indeed. *Grilled* is a participle.
- A:** How do you know? What's a participle?
- B:** It's a verb, grill, and it has the ending -ed.
- A:** Is it acting like a verb in this sentence?
- B:** Nope, it's acting like an adjective.
- A:** How can you tell?
- B:** It describes *steak*.
- A:** Exactly. Do all participles end in -ed?
- B:** No. They can also end with -ing.
- A:** Do you see one of those?
- B:** *Mouthwatering* is one.
- A:** Excellent.

