

Definition

A participle is a lexical item, derived from a [verb](#), that has some of the characteristics and functions of both verbs and [adjectives](#).

The adjectival form of the term *participle* is *participial*.

Examples (English)

In English, participles may be used as adjectives, and in nonfinite forms of verbs.

Here are some examples of participles:

- 'He ate a *boiled* egg for breakfast.'
- 'I like to see *smiling* faces.'
- 'You are *singing* a good song.'
- 'I have *exercised*.'
- 'He has *eaten* dinner already.'
- 'She got a bad sunburn while *playing* in the pool.'