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example: *Her dream is to dance in the Nutcracker.*

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example: *Swimming is my favorite summer sport.*

Participles – a verb form usually ending in –ing or –ed that is used as an adjective.

example: *She carefully opened the elaborately wrapped gift.*

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4. _____ The boat was painted a glowing orange.

5. _____ "We'll certainly be a sight to see," said Uncle Steve.

6. _____ "Sailing is my favorite thing to do on a weekend," said David.

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8. _____ "I wanted to knit with that yarn," grumbled Emily.

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example: ... *ing* ...

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