

“Improve your style”

– writing better texts with participle clauses!

Dein Texte werden flüssiger und eleganter (☺), indem du Sätze durch die Partizipialkonstruktionen kürzer aestaltest.

A. Using the present participle to shorten your sentences:

The present participle is the "-ing"-form of a verb: taking, singing, giving, landing,

1. You can use it to make relative clauses shorter (*verkürzter Relativsatz*)

The man ~~who walks~~ through the snow suddenly sees a rope.

The man walking through the snow suddenly sees a rope.

2. You can use it to add additional information (also to make one sentence out of two) (*Zusatzinformationen*)

He stopped ~~and stared~~ at the rope.

He stopped, staring at the rope.

3. You can use it to shorten sentences with "while" or when" (*Gleichzeitigkeit*)

When ~~he saw~~ the rope, he was very surprised.

When seeing the rope, he was very surprised.

4. You can use it to express a reason (*Grund*)

~~He was~~ a curious person. So he pulled again.

Being a curious person, he pulled again.