

Reduced Relative Clauses

(Participle Clauses)



Why reduce relative clauses?

- This means making our sentences shorter, smoother, and more natural:

*e.g. The man **who is talking** now is my colleague. -
The man **talking** now is my colleague.*

*e.g. The book **that was written** by Orwell is very interesting. -
The book **written** by Orwell is very interesting.*

Relative clauses

- A **relative clause** is a part of a sentence that gives us more information about a noun.

- **Examples**

The boy who is wearing a red shirt is my brother.

The relative clause is ‘**who is wearing a red shirt**’

(It tells us more about "the boy».)

*Any applications **which were received after the deadline** will not be considered.*

The relative clause is ‘**which were received after the deadline**’

(It tells us more about "applications".)



Relative clauses —> Participle clauses

*The boy **who is wearing** a red shirt is my brother.*

→ *The boy **wearing** a red shirt is my brother.*

*Any applications **which were received** after the deadline will not be considered.*

→ *Any applications **received** after the deadline will not be considered.*

Relative clauses —> Participle clauses

The boy ~~who is~~ wearing a red shirt is my brother.

*→ The boy **wearing** a red shirt is my brother.*

Any applications ~~which were~~ received after the deadline will not be considered.

*→ Any applications **received** after the deadline will not be considered.*

Relative clauses → Participle Clauses

- **Active Voice - Participle 1 / Present Participle**

e.g. The candidates who are waiting outside should come in.

—> *The candidates waiting outside should come in.*

- **Passive Voice - Participle 2 / Past Participle**

e.g. The documents which were signed yesterday are on the desk.

—> *The documents signed yesterday are on the desk.*

Relative Clauses	Participle Clauses: Participle 1/Present Participle (Active Voice)	Participle Clauses: Participle 2/Past Participle (Passive Voice)
The man who is talking to John is my university friend.	The man talking to John is my university friend.	
The book that was written by Orwell is very interesting.		The book written by Orwell is very interesting.
The people who are waiting in line are getting impatient.	The people waiting in line are getting impatient.	
The cake that was baked by my mother is delicious.		The cake baked by my mother is delicious.
The woman who lives next door is a doctor.	The woman living next door is a doctor.	
We read the email which was sent by the manager.		We read the email sent by the manager.