

Here are four fourth grade writers who had fun writing stories after learning about participial phrases. Read each story with a friend, looking for participial phrases. Remember....just because you see an *-ing* doesn't mean it's a participial phrase! How do you know for sure if it's a participial phrase?

Talk with your friend about which sentence in each story you think is the *best sentence* and why. The best sentence may or may not have a participial phrase in it.



Never Touch the Gold

By Waheeb, fourth grade writer

Sneaking around to smuggle the gold, Jim Hawkins strode through the dense and slippery jungle of Treasure Island. Suddenly, he stumbled through the dark thicket, falling onto the ground with a loud yelp. Captain John Silver saw Jim Hawkins bawling on the ground. The Captain, hopping on his crutch, picked up Jim.

“Never touch the gold!” barked John.



A Poodle

by Hanna, fourth grade writer

Tanning her skin at the beach, Chelsea watched the scintillating ocean under the sun. She had been putting on lipstick when a cute wedding dress-colored poodle padded over to her. Chelsea, reaching out to stroke the dog, felt shocked when he let out a shrieking yelp. The fourteen-year old girl glared at the animal angrily, turned on her heels, and stomped away on the squishy sand.

The dog gingerly followed the attractive girl to the spot where she decided to relax, hoping for another chance at friendship. Chelsea stretched out her hand, petting the scrumptious poodle. She adored him so much that she decided to take him home since he had no collar or other sign of someone owning him.



A Knock on the Door

by Hibah, fourth grade writer

One day we were all sleeping when we heard a pounding on the door. Hastily putting on her scarf, my mom asked who it was. The stranger at the door gave one of my dad's friend's names, so she thought it was someone she knew and let him in. Before she noticed him, he tried to shoot her, so Waheeb and I cried out, “He's trying to shoot you!”

My mom, moving quickly out of the way, saved her life. He shot the wall, causing the plaster to fall off. We ran to the phone and called the police. When the stranger saw the police, he ran to his car, but the police were too fast and caught him.