

Note: *Present participles* and *past participles* should not be confused with *present tense* and *past tense*. As we have seen, *participles* are *adjectives*. Like adjectives, participles do *not* have any tense of their own. Participles *derive* their tense from the *main verb* on the sentence. Examples:

The world economy is facing challenging times.

– *Present participle* in a sentence in *present continuous tense*.

In 2007, the world economy faced challenging times.

– *Present participle* in a sentence in *past tense*.

During his visit to the family today, the minister hopes to console the grief-stricken mother.

– *Past participle* in a sentence in *present tense*.

After the tragedy last year, the grief-stricken mother was inconsolable.

– *Past participle* in a sentence in *past tense*.