

## PARTICIPLES 1

Read the story below. Complete the story with the sentences in the word box. You have to change the sentences into present participle phrases or past participle phrases. The first one has been done as an example.

- I was soaked	- We were all soaked to the skin.
- We were determined to play football.	- I felt very small and vulnerable
- We were lashed by the storm	- We got on our bicycles
- A car drove quickly past me	- We hoped that the clouds would go away
- It made matters worse	- I was exhausted by now
- I thought it was better to stop somewhere	- We ran towards a large tree

(1) Determined to play football, we ignored the dark clouds around us. (2) \_\_\_\_\_, we really wanted to continue with the game. Our hopes were dashed when suddenly heavy rain began to pour. (3) \_\_\_\_\_, we all ran for cover. The deafening thunder and howling wind was all around us. (4) \_\_\_\_\_, lightning flashed dangerously close to us.

(5) \_\_\_\_\_, we attempted to take shelter from the rain. The tree provided some shelter and we were tempted to remain under it. However we knew that it was dangerous to stay under a tree during a thunderstorm. So, (6) \_\_\_\_\_, we pedalled off. There was no other shelter available nearby so as time went on we got wetter and wetter. (7) \_\_\_\_\_, I decided to go home rather than seek shelter again.

It was just about the fiercest storm I had ever been in. The driving rain made cycling difficult as I could not see more than a couple of metres in front of me. (8) \_\_\_\_\_, a car was too close for comfort. Perhaps the driver did not even see me. So, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, I found a bus-stop with a roof. I hurried under the roof even though I had to share it with a dozen other people who were also soaked to the skin. It was a bit of a squeeze but no one complained.

(10) \_\_\_\_\_, we were silent spectators to an awesome display of nature's power. (11) \_\_\_\_\_, I could do nothing but watch. Finally the rain slowed down to a drizzle and the wind died down. I could still hear distant thunder but the worst of the storm was over. (12) \_\_\_\_\_, I got on my bicycle and cycled home.