

“Unemployed Scientists” Task Sheet

A. This sentence contains an example of a **past participle clause**:

“The team had to discard one set of data due to confounding variables **introduced when the control subject drank 7.25 ounces of beer.**”

This type of clause can be used to give more information about the noun they are connected with (in the example above, “confounding variables”).

The same information could be communicated with a relative clause (“confounding variables **which were introduced...**”) or by a separate sentence (“due to confounding variable. **The confounding variables were introduced...**”).

B. Combine the sentences to make one sentence using a past participle clause.

Example:

A peer review supports their findings. The peer review was conducted by Dr. Harold Wilson.

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1. An alarming new study theorizes that by the middle of this century the atmosphere will be unbreathable. The study was put out by Dr. Fulano de Tal.

2. The fund-raising event will surely be a great success. The event is organized this year by the Teachers’ Union.

3. The new film has lots of special effects and famous actors. It was directed by Joe Smith.

4. I know a boy. The boy’s name is Sue.

5. The vocabulary will be important for the exam. We discussed the vocabulary in class.
