

## Language focus

**4** Adverbial participle clauses provide more information about the verb or the main idea in a sentence. They can use present or past participles, and come before or after the main idea:

*She heads up Black, Bone & Winter's executive search team, filling strategic positions for industrial clients and government departments.*

*Having earned her Master's in Management from the London School of Economics, Erica first went to work in the car industry ...*

Find and underline six more examples in the model bio.

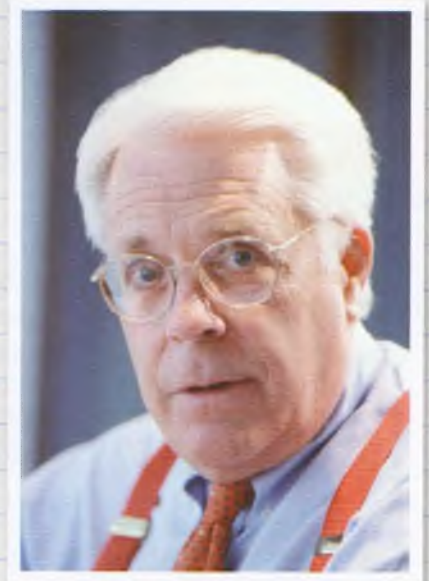
**5** Rewrite these extracts from biographies using participle clauses.

- 1 Jack works at Bell Labs, where he manages a mobile communications research team.
- 2 Because he didn't know what else to do, Bobby started playing in a piano bar.
- 3 Suzanne served her apprenticeship with the legendary Paul Bocuse, then opened her own restaurant.
- 4 Marie didn't wish to spend all her life in the family business, so she undertook a round-the-world tour.
- 5 Jochen took up teaching because he failed to qualify as a lawyer.
- 6 Fran got the idea for the new product while she was a research scientist in the chemicals industry.
- 7 Because he met a lot of doctors in his previous job, Frederick realized there was a gap in the market.
- 8 Once Henry's new business had been launched, it grew fast.

## Output

**6** Using the notes below write a bio for Ned Fordyce, a leading economics analyst. Make sure you use some participle clauses in your writing and add at least three ideas of your own.

Ned Fordyce – leading economics analyst –  
I'm Editor-in-Chief at *The Financial Telegraph* –  
market information for brokers and investors  
Master's from IEP Paris – journalist with  
*Huffington Post* – then government financial  
analyst  
I served under governments from left and right,  
but wanted to return to journalism – posts with  
several financial journals – 2010 appointed  
Editor *The Financial Telegraph* – increased  
circulation by 20% – awarded MBE for services  
to journalism in 2012  
I advise several charities – regular appearances  
as commentator on TV and radio news – keen  
sailor – several transatlantic crossings – homes  
in New York and London – [nfordyce@fintelegraph.co.uk](mailto:nfordyce@fintelegraph.co.uk)



**7** Write your own bio. You can either write your current profile or imagine yourself ten years in the future.

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