

## Chapter 38

### The Present Participle Active

**38.1** Before proceeding with this chapter, review chapter 20 for the introduction to the Present Active participle, and chapter 24 for the Present Middle and Passive participles.

The Present Stem of the Greek Verb has the sense of continuous or repeated action. For the Present participle, this implies that the action of the participle is going on at the same time as the action of the main verb in the sentence.

**38.2** As we saw in chapter 20, the Present Active participle is formed by adding -ων to the Present Stem of the verb. This gives the Masculine Nominative Singular form. The Masculine and Neuter forms follow a Third Declension pattern, while the Feminine follows a First Declension pattern :

		Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular	Nom.	STEM-ων	STEM-ουσα	STEM-ον
	Acc.	STEM-οντα	STEM-ουσαν	STEM-ον
	Gen.	STEM-οντος	STEM-ουσης	STEM-οντος
	Dat.	STEM-οντι	STEM-ουση	STEM-οντι
Plural	Nom.	STEM-οντες	STEM-ουσαι	STEM-οντα
	Acc.	STEM-οντας	STEM-ουσας	STEM-οντα
	Gen.	STEM-οντων	STEM-ουσων	STEM-οντων
	Dat.	STEM-ουσι(ν)	STEM-ουσαις	STEM-ουσι(ν)

The Present Participle of εἶμι is ὄν, οὐσα, ὄν - "being". Learn the declension of ὄν, οὐσα, ὄν, and all other Present Participles Active can be built by adding its forms to the Present stem of the verb.

Contract verbs, in -αω, -εω, -οω, will follow the usual rules of contraction.

		Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular	Nom.	ὄν	οὐσα	ὄν
	Acc.	ὄντα	οὐσαν	ὄν
	Gen.	ὄντος	οὐσης	ὄντος
	Dat.	ὄντι	οὐση	ὄντι
Plural	Nom.	ὄντες	οὐσαι	ὄντα
	Acc.	ὄντας	οὐσας	ὄντα
	Gen.	ὄντων	οὐσων	ὄντων
	Dat.	οὐσι(ν)	οὐσαις	οὐσι(ν)

**Practice** - until you can read and translate easily : Participles are shown in **bold** type.

1. φωνη **βοωντος** ἐν τη ἐρημῳ. A voice of (a man) bawling in the desert. (*Mark 1:3*)
2. ἦν Ἰωαννης **βαπτίζων** ἐν τη ἐρημῳ John was in the desert, baptizing (*see Mark 1:4*)
3. και **κηρυσσων** βαπτισμα μετανοιας and preaching a baptism of repentance  
εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιων. for forgiveness of sins. (*Mark 1:4*)
4. και ἦν ὁ Ἰωαννης **ἐσθίων** ἀκριδας And John was eating (used to eat) locusts  
και μελι ἀγριον. and wild honey (*Mark 1:5*)
5. και εὐθὺς **ἀναβαινων** ἐκ του ὕδατος And immediately, coming up (as he came up)  
εἶδεν **σχιζομενους** τους οὐρανοους, out of the water he saw the heavens being split.
6. και το πνευμα ὡς οεριστεραν And the Spirit  
**καταβαινων** εἰς αὐτον . . . coming down onto him. (*Mark 1:10*)

7. και **παραγων** παρα την θαλασσαν . . . And as he was passing by beside the sea . . .  
 ειδεν Σιμωνα και Ανδρεαν he saw Simon and Andrew  
 τον αδελφον Σιμωνος **αμφιβαλλοντας** the brother of Simon casting (nets)  
 εν τη θαλασση. in the sea. (Mark 1:16)
8. ην γαρ **διδασκων** αυτους For he was teaching them  
 ως εξουσιαν **εχων** like (one) having authority  
 και ουκ ως οι γραμματεις. and not like the scribes. (Mark 1:22)
9. και λεγει αυτω, Αμην, αμην λεγω υμιν, And he said (says) to him, "Truly, truly I say to you,  
 οψεσθε . . . τους αγγελους του θεου you will see . . . the angels of God  
**αναβαινοντας και καταβαινοντας** ascending and descending  
 επι τον υιον του ανθρωπου. on the Son of man. (John 1:51)
10. λεγει αυτω η γυνη η Σαμαριτις, The Samaritan woman said (says) to him  
 Πως συ Ιουδαιος **ων** "How (is it that) you, being a Jew,  
 παρ' εμου πειν αιτεις ask to drink from (of) me,  
 γυναικος Σαμαριτιδος **ουσης**; (of one) being a Samaritan woman?  
 (John 4:9)

### 38.3 The Participle used as a Noun - see Section 20.4 to review this usage.

**Practice** - until you can read and translate easily

1. εφερον προς αυτον . . . They were bringing to him  
 τους κακως **εχοντας**. the ones "having badly"  
 (those being ill, having sickness) (Mark 1:32)
2. ο **πιστευων** εις αυτον ου κρινεται. The one trusting in him is not judged. (John 3:18)
3. πνευμα ο θεος, και God (is) a spirit, and it is necessary  
 τους **προσκυνουντας** αυτον for the ones worshipping Him  
 εν πνευματι και αληθεια to worship in spirit and in truth.  
 δει προσκυνειν. (John 4:24)
4. αλλος εστιν ο **σπειρων** (One) is the sower,  
 και αλλος ο **θεριζων**. and another the harvester (John 4:37)
5. τη επαυριον βλεπει τον Ιησουν On the next day he saw (sees) Jesus  
**ερχομενον** προς αυτον, και λεγει, coming towards him, and said (says),  
 Ιδε ο αμνος του θεου ο **αιρων** "Behold, the lamb of God, the one taking away  
 την αμαρτιαν του κοσμου. the sins of the world. (John 1:29)
6. Εγω ειμι το Αλφα και το Ω, "I am the Alpha and the Omega,"  
 λεγει κυριος ο θεος, ο **ων** says the Lord God, the one 'being' (who is),  
 και ο ην και ο **ερχομενος**, and the one (who) was, and the one coming  
 ο παντοκρατωρ. (who is to come), the all-mighty. (Rev. 1:8)
7. Ταδε λεγει ο **κρατων** These things says the one holding  
 τους επτα αστερας εν τη δεξια the seven stars in his right hand,  
 αυτου, ο **περιπατων** εν μεσω the one walking among (in the middle)  
 των επτα λυχνιων των χρυσων, . . . of the seven golden lamp-stands . . . (Rev. 2:1)
8. πεσουνται οι . . . πρεσβυτεροι ενωπιον The elders will fall down before  
 του **καθημενου** επι του θρονου the one seated on the throne  
 και προσκυνησουσιν τω **ζωντι** and they will worship the one living (who lives)  
 εις τους αιωνας των αιωνων. for ever and ever. (Rev. 4:10)
9. Καγω Ιωαννης ο **ακουων** And I, John, (am) the one hearing  
 και **βλεπων** ταυτα. and seeing these things. (Rev. 22:8)
10. ο **αιτων** λαμβανει The one asking (he who asks) will receive,  
 και ο **ζητων** ευρισκει and the one seeking (he who seeks) will find  
 και τω **κρουοντι** ανοιγησεται. and to the one knocking, it will be opened. (Matt. 7:8)

### 38.4 Sentences for reading and translation

1. οί δε ἐσθιοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσει πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων.  
(Matt. 14:21)
2. Ταδε λεγει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, ὁ ἔχων τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ ὡς φλογα πυρὸς . . .  
(Rev. 2:18)
3. καὶ ὁ νικῶν καὶ ὁ τηρῶν ἄχρι τελοῦς τὰ ἔργα μου,  
δῶσω αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν. (Rev. 2:26)
4. ἐγὼ δε λεγω ὑμῖν ὅτι . . . ὁ βλέπων γυναῖκα πρὸς τὸ ἐπιθυμῆσαι αὐτήν  
ἤδη ἐμοιχεύσεν αὐτήν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ. (Matt. 5:28)  
( ἐπιθυμῆσαι is the Aorist Infinitive of ἐπιθυμῶ - I lust for )
5. Οὐ χρειαν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἰσχυροντες ἰατροῦ ἀλλ' οἱ κακῶς ἔχοντες. (Matt. 9:12)
6. οὐ γὰρ ὑμεῖς ἐστε οἱ λαλουντες  
ἀλλὰ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ πατρὸς ὑμῶν τὸ λαλουν ἐν ὑμῖν. (Matt. 10:20)
7. καὶ ἦν ἡμερᾶς τρεῖς μὴ βλέπων, καὶ οὐκ ἐφαγεν οὐδὲ ἐπιεν. (Acts 9:9)
8. ἐπορευετο γὰρ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ χαίρων. (Acts 8:39)
9. Μαρια ἦν πρὸς τῷ μνημειῷ κλαιουσα. (see John 20:11)
10. ὁ Φίλιππος ἐπορευετο ἐπὶ τὴν ὁδὸν τὴν καταβαινουσαν ἀπὸ Ἰερουσαλήμ.  
(see Acts 8:26)

### 38.5 Writing Practice : Write the Greek, while saying aloud (Matt. 5:6 - 8)

μακαριοι οἱ πεινωντες καὶ διψωντες τὴν δικαιοσυνην, ὅτι αὐτοὶ χορτασθησονται.	Happy are the ones hungering and thirsting (for) righteousness for they shall be fed.
μακαριοι οἱ ἐλεημονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθησονται.	Happy are the ones showing mercy for they shall be shown mercy
μακαριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ,	Happy are the clean in heart

### 38.6 New Testament Passages for reading and translation :

Matt. 7:13-14, Matt. 9:35-38

In your Greek New Testament, read the passages aloud several times until you can read them without long pauses or stumbling. Then use the translation helps to translate them.

εἰσελθατε	enter!	( Aorist Imperative of εἰσερχομαι - I enter)
πλατεια	wide	( Feminine Nominative singular of πλατυς , -τεια, -τι - broad)
εὐρυχωρος	spacious	( from εὐρυς - wide + χωρα - place)
πολλοι	many	( Masculine Nominative plural of πολυς, πολλη, πολυ - many)
τί	how!	
τεθλιμμενη	constricted	( Perfect Passive Participle of θλιβω - I press)
πασας	all	( Feminine Accusative plural of πας, πασα, παν - each, every, all)
πασαν	every	( Feminine Accusative singular of πας, πασα, παν - each, every, all)
ιδων	"having seen"	= when he saw (Aorist Participle of ὁραω, ὁψομαι, εἶδον I see)
ἐσπλαγχνισθη	he was moved to compassion	( Aorist Passive of σπλαγχνίζομαι) "was hit in the guts" ( from τὸ σπλαγχνον - guts, inmost feelings)
ἐσκυλμενοι	harassed	( Perfect Passive Participle of σκυλλω - I flay)
ἐρριμμενοι	thrown down (helpless)	( Perfect Passive Participle of ῥιπτω - I throw)
πολυς	great, much, a lot	( Masc. Nominative singular of πολυς, πολλη, πολυ - many)
δεηθητε	beseech, beg, implore !	( an Imperative of δεομαι - I beseech, beg)
ἐκβαλη	he might put	( Aorist Subjunctive of ἐκβαλλω - I cast out)

### 38.7 Vocabulary to learn

ἀμφιβάλλω	I cast a fishing net	(from ἀμφι - both + βάλλω - I throw)
	(a circular net was thrown into the sea and then hauled in from both ends)	
δέομαι	I beseech, implore, beg	
θερίζω	I reap, harvest	
θλίβω	I press	
ἴδε	behold! look!	(an Imperative of ὄραω, ὄψομα, εἶδον - I see)
κρούω	I knock	(at a door)
περιάγω	I go around	(from περι - around + ἄγω - I lead, go)
σπλαγχνίζομαι	I feel compassion	(from το σπλάγγνον - guts, inmost feelings)
ἡ ἀκρίς, -ίδος	locust	
ὁ ἀμνός, -ου	lamb	
ἡ ἀπώλεια, -ας	destruction	(from ἀπολλυμι - I destroy)
ὁ θερισμός, -ου	harvest	
ὁ ἰατρός, -ου	doctor, healer	(from ἰαομαι - I heal)
ἡ λυχνία, -ας	lamp-stand	
ἡ μαλακία	sickness, weakness	
το μέλι, -ιτος	honey	
το σπλάγγνον	guts, inmost feelings	
ἡ χρεία, -ας	need	
ὁ χρυσός, -ου	gold, gold coin	
ἄγριος, -α, -ον	wild	(from ὁ ἄγρος - field)
πεντακισχίλιοι, -αι, -α	five thousand	
πέντε	five	(indeclinable)
στενός, -η, -ον	narrow	
χίλιοι, -αι, -α	a thousand	
χρυσοῦς, -η, -ου	golden, made of gold	
κακῶς	badly	(Adverb, from κακος - bad)
κακῶς ἔχω	I am ill, I have a sickness	
ὠσεῖ	about, approximately	
τάδε = τά δε	these things	(Accusative/Nominative Neuter plural Definite Article + δε)