



6B Grammar

Participle clauses

A  Work in pairs. Rewrite this story using participle clauses.



When I was walking down the street one day, I noticed a second-hand shop. I was going to pass by because I didn't have much time, but my eye was caught by a coat in the window display. It seemed strangely familiar. I went up to the window and I looked at it more closely. It was my old winter coat! I had left it hanging with all my other old clothes at the back of my wardrobe, as I hadn't worn it for years. I went inside the shop because I wanted to find out how the coat, which I had bought with my own money, had got there. The shop assistant was cashing up for the day and, because I suddenly felt quite angry, I rushed up to her and demanded, 'Give me my coat!' The shop assistant smiled and said, 'Don't you remember the day you gave it to us? And don't you remember why?' As I stared at her, I realised she was right. A long-forgotten memory was surfacing in my mind ...

B  Work in groups. Discuss these questions and then write a continuation of this story, using participle clauses.

- 1 How did the narrator know this was his coat? Was there anything special about it?
- 2 Why did the narrator give it to the shop?
- 3 Why did the narrator forget about this?
- 4 Why has no one bought the coat for so long?
- 5 Does the shop assistant know something important?
- 6 Will the narrator take the coat back and if so what will happen?