

## Exercise C12.1: Ablative absolutes

The following sentences contain a literal English equivalent of a Latin ablative absolute phrase.

Write the Latin for each of the ablative absolute phrases in **purple**. Then, rewrite each sentence in more natural English.

1. **(With) the book having been read**, the boy was no longer stupid.
2. **(With) the citizens walking into the forum**, suddenly the senator died.
3. **(With) the town having been defended**, the inhabitants were not overpowered.
4. **(With) the children sleeping**, the parents drank the wine.
5. **(With) the men having been punished**, the gods smiled.
6. **(With) food having been prepared**, they began to eat dinner.