



GRAMMAR: non-finite clauses

8 Read the sentences from the text. Look at the example and underline the non-finite clauses in sentences 1 and 2.

Founded in 1975, the Orchestra has striven to offer new opportunities.

- 1 Heading a national system, this orchestra comprises over 200 young musicians.
- 2 To focus the residency, the Orchestra will give two showcase concerts.

9 There are three main types of non-finite clause. Match them with the sentences in Exercise 8.

- a) infinitive clauses
- b) past participle clauses
- c) *-ing* clauses

10a Read the explanation of a non-finite clause. Then answer the questions.

A non-finite clause has a lexical verb, but this verb does not indicate tense. We have to understand its reference to time (and person and number) from the context or surrounding clauses. Non-finite clauses are typically subordinate, and are usually combined with finite clauses in sentences.

- 1 In the sentences in Exercise 8, what are the lexical verbs that do not indicate tense?
- 2 What is the time reference of the non-finite clauses?

10b Find other examples of the different types of non-finite clause in the press release.

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11 Complete sentences 1–6 below, using the non-finite clauses a–f. Choose the appropriate form of the verb in brackets and use appropriate punctuation.

- a) (blamed / blaming) for an increase in street violence
- b) (to reduce / reducing) the need for painkilling drugs by 50 per cent
- c) (to escape / escaped) the monotony of suburban life
- d) (producing / produced) more milk
- e) (to watch / watched) by over 400 million people around the world
- f) (to stimulate / stimulated) greater spending by customers

- 1 Certain kinds of music are played in shops _____.
- 2 The 1985 Live Aid concerts for famine relief in Ethiopia took place in London, Philadelphia and other cities _____.
- 3 _____ the rapper was vilified by the media.
- 4 Tailor-made music programmes have a remarkable effect on some medical patients _____.
- 5 Cows appreciate calming music _____.
- 6 _____ they formed a band.

WRITING

12 Write a short press release (about 100 words) for a music event in your town or city.

SPEAKING

13 Discuss these questions.

- 1 Which instrument has the nicest sound, in your opinion?
- 2 Is music important to you? If so, why?
- 3 Have your musical tastes changed over the years? If so, how?
- 4 Is there any music / song you associate with particular events or people in your life?
- 5 Are any singers / musicians from your country popular abroad?