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OET Writing – Addition: Present Participle Clauses

Starter

Which words are missing from these sentences?

The nurse slowly demonstrated the self-administration of the insulin, **which** made the patient more comfortable about doing it herself.

Doctor Akyol examined the patient carefully, **and** he observed some bruising on his leg.

Could we make the sentences shorter?

The nurse slowly demonstrated the self-administration of the insulin, **making** the patient more comfortable about doing it herself.

Doctor Akyol examined the patient carefully, **observing** some bruising on his leg.

Practice:

Use these words in the right form to complete these sentences:

continue / reveal / prompt / check / confirm / focus / ensure / note

1. The nurse entered the room, **checking** the patient's IV line and medications.
2. The surgeon completed the procedure, **ensuring** that no complications had arisen.
3. The patient felt dizzy, **prompting** the nurse to take immediate action.
4. The physician reviewed the test results, **confirming** the need for further investigation.
5. The patient was discharged from the hospital, **continuing** her recovery at home.
6. The specialist examined the scans, **noting** some abnormalities in the images.
7. The physical therapist adjusted the exercise routine, **focussing** on improving the patient's mobility.
8. The blood samples were analysed, **revealing** signs of an underlying infection.

Extension:

Look at these notes about Mr Daniel McCrae:

08/02/14:

Pt feeling tired, 'off-colour', as if never fully recovered from infection (Sep 2013). Complains of 'unsettled system' for several weeks – abdominal discomfort, gas, diarrhoea/constipation; feels fatigued. Still under some stress from workload. No family history of colorectal carcinoma, colonic polyps or inflammatory bowel disease.

Which words could go into the space?

Mr McCrae had had an unsettled digestive system for several weeks, **experiencing** abdominal discomfort and gas together with diarrhoea and constipation.

Look at these notes about Ms Maria Santini:

↑ Depressive symptoms (+ reclusive, + anti-social, + irritability, + agitation)

Which words could go into the space?

Ms Santini was experiencing depressive symptoms, **becoming** more reclusive and anti-social in addition to irritable and agitated.