

## Using Present Participles as Adjectives

Select one of the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. Some of the names of these famous players could be the key to finding the right answer. If you do not know them, look them up.

leading	struggling	closing
starting	competing	defending
amazing	recovering	challenging
boxing		

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ coach is trying very hard to win games this season. He may be out of a job.
2. In court, the lawyers presented their \_\_\_\_\_ arguments either for or against the famous basketball players.
3. Pedro Martinez was the \_\_\_\_\_ pitcher for the Red Sox for many years.
4. Muhammed Ali had a great \_\_\_\_\_ career. Unfortunately, he is now ill with Parkinson's disease.
5. One of the Marlins' best batters was hurt while trying to steal a base. He is not playing for a couple of weeks as per doctor's orders. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ player.
6. Sammy Sosa's \_\_\_\_\_ story of his childhood days in Dominican Republic is interesting.
7. When a boxer wins a title, he wants to keep it. If he fights to keep his title, he is the \_\_\_\_\_ champion.
8. The Olympics is the perfect place to watch \_\_\_\_\_ athletes.
9. The Hurricanes play football very well. When other teams play them, they know they will face a \_\_\_\_\_ opponent.
10. During the weekend, the \_\_\_\_\_ college in basketball will play for the championship.

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