

Sasha and a Book
or
the whole truth about Russian deverbals

ADVERBS: how? when? why?

while (читая)

While reading a book, Sasha found his father's name.

after (прочитав)

Having read (i.e. having finished reading) the book, Sasha took it to the library.

ADJECTIVES (i.e. participles)

active (i.e. about Sasha) (читающий, читавший, прочитавший)

I see Sasha, who is reading a book.

I saw Sasha, who was reading a book.

I saw Sasha, who had just finished reading the book.

passive (i.e. about the book)

what kind? (long form)

now in progress (читаемая):

The book that is being read by Sasha (i.e. that Shasha is reading) is on the table.

done, completed (прочитанная, прочитана):

The book that Sasha finished reading was on the table.

what happened? (short form)

The book has been finished (i.e. Sasha or someone else has finished reading it).

THE END