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MANHUNT 10
 "The main actor looks tired in this and the film was so boring!!!"
Nigel, UK



BOLLYWOOD ROMEO
 "I was surprised how much I liked this. Loads of great music and dancing and even the script is amusing."
Raj, Delhi



NIGHT OF THE GHOSTS
 "It was very frightening and I was shocked at the violence. Don't take your mother!"
Melanie, Melbourne

Presentation

The present participle (verb + *-ing*) and past participle (verb + *-ed*) forms of some verbs can be used as adjectives:

to bore – boring – bored

to frighten – frightening – frightened

Present participles as adjectives

Use **present participles** as adjectives to describe the **person or thing** that makes you feel a certain way:

The movie was boring.

Dracula is a very frightening book.

Past participles as adjectives

Use **past participles** as adjectives to describe **how you** feel about someone or something:

He was bored with work.

I was surprised how much I liked this.

Say *I'm bored (with this movie)*. (don't say *I'm boring (with this movie)*).

Say *This movie is boring*. (don't say *This movie is bored*.)

Dependent prepositions

-ed adjectives are often followed by dependent prepositions:

Are you excited about the show tonight?

Dependent prepositions are followed by either nouns or gerunds:

I'm tired of working on this.

Common present participles as adjectives:

amusing, annoying, boring, confusing, convincing, depressing, disappointing, embarrassing, exciting, frustrating, interesting, pleasing, relaxing, satisfying, shocking, surprising, terrifying, tiring, worrying

Common past participles as adjectives:

amused, annoyed, bored, confused, convinced, depressed, disappointed, embarrassed, excited, frustrated, interested, pleased, relaxed, satisfied, scared, shocked, surprised, terrified, tired, worried

Common past *-ed* adjectives and their dependent prepositions:

annoyed with, bored with, excited about, fascinated by, frightened of, interested in, irritated by, pleased with, satisfied with, scared of, tired of, terrified of, worried about

1 Choose the correct adjectives in the film reviews.

YOUR REVIEWS:

THE RED QUEEN
 “I didn’t like the characters. I was really ¹ *irritating / irritated* by them and the plot was totally ² *confusing / confused*.”

LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY
 “The special effects are ³ *amazing / amazed* and there’s a really ⁴ *exciting / excited* scene where the hero has to jump out of an airplane without a parachute.”

TITANIC
 “I was ⁵ *pleasing / pleased* to see that James Cameron directed this film. This true story is ⁶ *interesting / interested*, but don’t see it if you are already ⁷ *depressing / depressed* – it will make you feel worse!”

MONSTER FROM BELOW
 “There’s a ⁸ *terrifying / terrified* moment in the first five minutes when the monster appears but after that nothing very ⁹ *surprising / surprised* happens. The audience was ¹⁰ *boring / bored* for the rest of the movie.”

2 Two people are talking about a recent vacation. Complete their conversations with the present or past participle form of the verbs in the box.

amuse annoy depress embarrass interest please relax

A: So, how was your vacation?

B: Great. It was so ¹ *relaxing*. I didn’t think about work once. And I was really ² with the hotel. The service was five star.

A: And what were the other people like in your group?

B: Everyone was really nice except for one person. She was really ³ because she wouldn’t stop talking. But apart from her it was fine.

A: And did you meet anyone ⁴

B: Well, there was one man I enjoyed talking to. He was a friendly waiter at the hotel.

A: Really?

B: He also told jokes and was very ⁵ He made everyone laugh. And on the last night he asked me to dance and everyone was watching us.

A: Were you ⁶

B: Yes, I was! I went bright red but it was wonderful! Then I flew home the next day and it was raining. I’m so ⁷ to be home.

3 Add a preposition to make complete sentences.

1 elephants / frighten / mice
 Elephants are frightened of mice.

2 my children / excite / the holidays

3 my best friend / interest / the books of J.R.R. Tolkien

4 are you / worry / leave / home?
