

Participial Adjectives: Practice

In English, we can create adjectives from verbs. We can use either the present or the past participle to make these adjectives known as *Participial Adjectives*.

The class bored the students. Here, *bored* is a verb.

The present participle of the verb *to bore* is *boring*; the past participle of the verb *to bore* is *bored*.

Note: We use the present participle to describe the **agent** (the person *doing* the action) and the past participle to describe the **receiver** of the action (the person the action is *done* to).

Verb	Present Participle	Past Participle
to bore	boring	bored
to excite	exciting	excited
to interest	interesting	interested
to amuse	amusing	amused
to embarrass	embarrassing	embarrassed
to frighten	frightening	frightened
to fascinate	fascinating	fascinated
to intrigue	intriguing	intrigued
to confuse	confusing	confused

Fill in the blanks with a participle: adjectives may be used more than once.

For screen reader users, the blanks will be indicated by a * sign.

1. The movie excited me. I was * _____; the movie was * _____.
2. The incident was * _____; I was * _____.
3. The scary movie was so * _____ that the child could not fall asleep.

4. This is one of the most * _____ books I have ever read. I can't put this book down!
5. Her life story is * _____.
6. That math question is very * _____.
7. I am * _____. Can you explain that again?
8. Are you * _____ in learning Swahili? I know a great Swahili teacher.
9. It is * _____ to admit it, but I can't remember your name.
10. Don't get so * _____, we did not win the lottery.
11. The guard dog barked at the * _____ thieves.
12. You should talk to a tutor if you find grammar rules * _____.
13. The clown amused most of the children, but Sara, didn't think he was * _____.
14. Your introduction should intrigue your reader. Do you think your reader will be * _____?
15. Some think that history is * _____. I am usually * _____ in history class.

ANSWERS:

1. The movie excited me. I was **excited**; the movie was **exciting**.
2. The incident was **-ing**; I was **-ed**. (*many possible answers – make sure to have the right ending!*)
3. The scary movie was so **frightening**, the child could not fall asleep.
4. This is one of the most **interesting/fascinating/intriguing** books I have ever read. I can't put this book down!
5. Her life story is **fascinating**.
6. That math question is very **amusing/confusing**.
7. I am **confused**. Can you explain that again?

8. Are you **interested** in learning Swahili? I know a great Swahili teacher.
9. It is **embarrassing** to admit it, but I can't remember your name.
10. Don't get so **excited**, we did not win the lottery.
11. The guard dog barked at the **frightened** thieves.
12. You should talk to a tutor if you find grammar rules **confusing**
13. The clown amused most of the children, but Sara, didn't think he was **amusing**.
14. Your introduction should intrigue your reader. Do you think your reader will be **intrigued**?
15. Some think that history is **fascinating/interesting**. I am usually **bored** in history class.