Participle Adjectives - Practice

Present Participles end with “ing”
- used to describe someone or something that is doing an action or causing a feeling.

Past Participles end with “ed” if they are regular or sometimes “en” if they are irregular verbs.
- used to describe someone’s feelings or to show something has happened to them.

Example: The teacher is boring the student.

• In this sentence, the subject of the sentence is teacher. The verb is boring, which is the present progressive form of the verb. The object is student.
• If we wish to make adjectives from the verb, we may use the present and the past participle forms: boring and bored.

The boring teacher (boring describes the agent, teacher)
The bored student (bored describes the object, or the receiver of the action, student)

Use the participles in the box below to complete the sentences.

exciting shocking tiring amazing frightened endangered bored
shocked surprising tired amazed threatening burning boring
excited surprised upsetting frightening threatened burned/burnt astounding

1. The __________________ news made her cry.
2. The __________________ three-hour class put me to sleep.
3. The panda is an ________________ species.
4. The volcano made __________________________ noises as it expelled lava.
5. The ________________ student fell asleep while writing in her journal.
6. She was overjoyed by the ________________ news.
7. The children were ________________ after watching the dull movie.
8. Your decision is ___________________________. I was rather ________________ by your choice.
9. After three hours in the ________________ sun, the swimmers were terribly sun- ________________.
10. I was so ________________ I couldn’t speak.
11. She has shown ________________ resilience in the face of her difficulties.
12. The tourists were ________________ when they saw the huge waterfall.

Answers (more than one answer is possible, but the endings must be the same)
1. upsetting, 2. boring, 3. endangered, 4. amazing, 5. threatening, 6. surprising, 7. bored, 8. surprised/surprising, 9. burning/burned, 10. shocked, 11. astounding, 12. amazed