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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 film 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 of work.*

*I was surprised how much I liked this.*

Say *I'm bored (of this film)*. (don't say *I'm boring (of this film)*).

Say *This film is boring*. (don't say *This film 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 <sup>1</sup> *irritating / irritated* by them and the plot was totally <sup>2</sup> *confusing / confused*.'

**LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY**  
 'The special effects are <sup>3</sup> *amazing / amazed* and there's a really <sup>4</sup> *exciting / excited* scene where the hero has to jump out of an aeroplane without a parachute.'

**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN**  
 'I was <sup>5</sup> *pleasing / pleased* to see that Ang Lee directed this film. The story is <sup>6</sup> *interesting / interested*, but don't see it if you are already <sup>7</sup> *depressing / depressed* – it will make you feel worse!'

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

## 2 Two people are discussing a holiday. Complete their conversations with the present or past participle form of the verbs in the box. Then listen and check.

amuse annoy depress embarrass interest please relax

A: So, how was your holiday?

B: Great. It was so <sup>1</sup> *relaxing*. I didn't think about work once. And I was really <sup>2</sup> ..... 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 <sup>3</sup> ..... because she wouldn't stop talking. But apart from her it was fine.

A: And did you meet anyone <sup>4</sup> .....

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 <sup>5</sup> ..... He made everyone laugh. And on the last night he asked me to dance and everyone was watching us.

A: Were you <sup>6</sup> .....

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 <sup>7</sup> ..... 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 JRR Tolkien  
 .....

4 are you / worry / leave / home?  
 .....