**Participle Adjectives**

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| 1. The problem confuses the students.   It is a **confusing** problem.  (what kind of problem? A confusing problem.)   1. The students are confused by the problem.   They are **confused** students.  (What kind of students? Confused students.)   1. Mike is **interested** in UFOs.   (How does Mike feel about UFOs? He is interested.) | The present participle (-ing) communicates an active meaning. The noun that is being modified does something. In (a) the noun ‘problem’ does something: it confuses. Therefore, it is described as a ‘confusing problem’.  The past participle (-ed) communicates a passive meaning. In (b) the students are confused by something. Therefore, they are described as ‘confused students’.  In (c) the past participle (-ed) can also be used to express someone’s feelings. |
| 1. The story amuses the children.   It is an **amusing** story.   1. The children are amused by the story.   They are **amused** children. | In (c) the noun ‘story’ performs the action. It amuses.  In (d) the noun ‘children’ receive the action. Something is done to them. They are amused **by** something. |

Practice:

Complete the sentences with the present or past participle of the verbs in italics.

1. The class *bores* the students. It is a \_\_boring\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class.
2. The students are *bored* by the class. They are \_\_\_\_\_bored\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ students.
3. The game *excites* the people. It is an \_\_\_\_\_\_exiting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ game.
4. The people are *excited* by the game. They are \_\_\_exited\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.
5. The news *surprised* the man. It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_surprising\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ news.

Complete the sentences with the present or past participle of the verbs in parentheses.

1. The (steal) \_\_stolen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ jewelry was recovered.
2. Success in one’s work is a (satisfy) \_\_\_\_satisfying\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience.
3. The dragon was a (terrify) \_\_\_\_terrifying\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sight for the villagers.
4. I found myself in an (embarrass) \_\_\_\_embarrassing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ situation last night.
5. A (damage) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_damaging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earthquake occurred last night.

Oral Practice:

Respond with a present or past participle.

Example: If a book confuses you, how would you describe the book?

Response: confusing. It is a confusing book.

1. If a book confuses you, how would you describe yourself?
2. If a story amazes you, how would you describe the story?
3. If a story depresses you, how would you describe yourself?
4. If some work tires you, how would you describe the work?
5. If an experience thrills you, how would you describe yourself?