

VERBAL ADJECTIVES: PRESENT AND PAST PARTICIPLES

PRESENT PARTICIPLE

- ✓ We use the present participle adjective to describe a person or thing that is responsible for doing an action or causing a feeling (*burning food / a frightening movie*).
- ✓ We form the present participle by adding *-ing* to a verb (*interesting*).

PAST PARTICIPLE

- ✓ We use the past participle adjective to describe a person or thing that receives an action or feeling (*the burned food / the frightened moviegoers*).
- ✓ We form the past participle in three ways:
 - ⇒ If the verb is regular, it looks just like the simple past: we add *-d* or *-ed* to it (*boiled*).
 - ⇒ If the verb ends in *-ay*, it looks like the simple past: we change the *y* to *i* and then add *-d* (*paid*).
 - ⇒ If the verb is irregular, it is the third form of that verb (*see, saw, seen*).

Practice: Verbal Adjectives

DIRECTIONS: Mark the choice that best completes the sentence.

1. The _____ photocopier is sitting on the floor underneath the table. (A) break (B) broken (C) breaking (D) broke
2. We're interested in the woman _____ in the last chair of the first row. (A) seat (B) seated (C) seating (D) sat
3. I found this _____ piece of paper on your desk. Why did you destroy the document? (A) tearing (B) tear (C) torn (D) to tear