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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

PARTICIPLES: '-ED' vs. '-ING'

What is a participle?

A participle is a word formed from a verb which can be used as an adjective.

PAST PARTICIPLES* <i>examples</i>	PRESENT PARTICIPLES* <i>examples</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bored "I was bored at the movie theater."• surprised "I was surprised when I heard the news."	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• boring "The movie was boring."• surprising "The news was very surprising."

***Note:** '-ed' adjectives often describe people's feelings: "I feel bored." A boring movie, however, will make you feel bored.

● **Choose the correct participle adjective form in each of the sentences below.**

1. I don't understand chess. The rules are very **confused** / **confusing**.
2. He was **embarrassed** / **embarrassing** when he arrived late for class.
3. There is a new movie playing at the theater. Are you **interested** / **interesting**?
4. My little brother makes too much noise. He is **annoyed** / **annoying**.
5. I like my new chair. It's quite **relaxed** / **relaxing**.
6. Moving to a new home is hard work. It's **tired** / **tiring**.
7. The sad news made me **depressed** / **depressing**.
8. Louise got a B+. She was **satisfied** / **satisfying** with her test results.
9. Our company isn't making any money. It's very **worried** / **worrying**.
10. Robert thinks that roller coasters are **terrified** / **terrifying**.
11. I think that insects are **fascinated** / **fascinating**. I love to study them!
12. When the TV program was cancelled, Kelly was **disappointed** / **disappointing**.

Grammar Focus Participle Adjectives ('-ed' vs. '-ing')

Level Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

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Grades as percentages

My Notes



$$12 / 12 = 100\%$$

$$11 / 12 = 92$$

$$10 / 12 = 83$$

$$9 / 12 = 75$$

$$8 / 12 = 67$$

$$7 / 12 = 58$$

$$6 / 12 = 50$$

$$5 / 12 = 42$$

$$4 / 12 = 33$$

$$3 / 12 = 25$$

$$2 / 12 = 17$$

$$1 / 12 = 8$$

$$0 / 12 = 0\%$$