

ACTIVITY 1

Read the situation and choose the correct form of the participial adjective.

1. The documentary screened on the ABC yesterday showed the latest discoveries about obesity. It was interesting / interested and kept the audience interesting / interested.
2. The lectures on Egyptian archaeology are enjoyable. The professor is inspiring / inspired. It is obvious that he is inspiring / inspired by the topic.
3. The student did not understand the confusing / confused enrolment form, but when advised by the counsellor was further confusing / confused.
4. It was a long and exhausting / exhausted exam. The students left the auditorium exhausting / exhausted but pleased.
5. The campaigners for the environment were disappointing / disappointed when the report was handed down in parliament. The disappointing / disappointed conclusions only confirmed the disinterest in the issues.
6. The swimming competitions always attract a lot of interest at the Olympics. The rivalry between the nations is exciting / excited to watch. The exciting / excited spectators are always fully entertained.
7. It was not so much the shocking / shocked levels of air pollution to which the scientists were responding, but rather the shocking / shocked effects on children.
8. The new movie was amusing / amused but, gauging from the reaction, not all the viewers were amusing / amused by the odd cartoon characters.
9. The food festival in Sydney is unique, attracting the best chefs from around the world. The cuisine is always very satisfying / satisfied much to the delight of the satisfying / satisfied chefs.
10. The overwhelming / overwhelmed survivors of the hurricane that struck the coast at night were heartened by the overwhelming / overwhelmed response of concerned citizens.

ACTIVITY 2

Put your learning about present and past participles into practise by choosing the correct word so that the following sentences are grammatically correct.

Question 1: The _____ sportsmen were able to complete the marathon in record time.

Answer:

- a. exhausting
- b. exhaustive
- c. exhausted

Question 2: Watching the evening news is sometimes _____.

Answer:

- a. frightened
- b. frightening
- c. frightens

Question 3: The scientist became quite _____ when his experiments disproved his theory.

Answer:

- a. frustrated
- b. frustrate
- c. frustrating

Question 4: It will be an _____ soccer match because the teams are equally matched.

Answer:

- a. excited
- b. excites
- c. exciting

Question 5: They were _____ when the cinema cancelled the feature film.

Answer:

- a. annoying
- b. annoyed
- c. annoys



Question 6: The _____ students quickly ran for cover when lightning struck the tree.

Answer:
a. frightened
b. frightening
c. frightens

Question 7: A very _____ sport is rock climbing.

Answer:
a. terrifyingly
b. terrifying
c. terrified

Question 8: I think waiting for a late train is rather _____.

Answer:
a. boring
b. bored
c. boredom

Question 9: The family was _____ to hear the news of their grandfather's passing.

Answer:
a. shocks
b. shocked
c. shocking

Question 10: I find swimming in the ocean quite _____.

Answer:
a. relaxed
b. relaxes
c. relaxing

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8. The new movie was **amusing** but, gauging from the reaction, not all the viewers were **amused** by the odd cartoon characters.
9. The food festival in Sydney is unique, attracting the best chefs from around the world. The cuisine is always very **satisfying** much to the delight of the **satisfied** chefs.
10. The **overwhelmed** survivors of the hurricane that struck the coast at night were heartened by the **overwhelming** response of concerned citizens.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. The **exhausted** sportsmen were able to complete the marathon in record time.
2. Watching the evening news is sometimes **frightening**.
3. The scientist became quite **frustrated** when his experiments disproved his theory.
4. It will be an **exciting** soccer match because the teams are equally matched.
5. They were **annoyed** when the cinema cancelled the feature film.
6. The **frightened** students quickly ran for cover when lightning struck the tree.
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