

The present participle form of the verb is the “ing” form. It is used in present continuous sentences. EX: She is drinking a Coke. They were staying with Mother.

The past participle form of the verb is used in perfect tenses. EX: We have drunk all the Coke. They have stayed in many different hotels.

Sometimes present participles (ing form) can be used as adjectives. Read the examples below.
It was a boring book. She was an interesting teacher. It was a frightening experience.
It was a confusing question. That is surprising news.

These adjectives can cause problems for students of English.

If a magazine article confuses you, how do you describe it. Is it a confused article or a confusing article?

Choose the correct word in these sentences.

boring or bored:

That guy at the party was so _____. You are _____ me talking about sports.
I was _____ in class today because we studied adjectives.

alarming or alarmed:

What an _____ noise! We were _____ by the loud siren.

amusing or amused:

He told an _____ story. The teacher was not _____ at my joke.

confusing or confused:

I am _____ about which word I should use. It is a _____ problem.

depressing or depressed:

This rainy weather is _____. I am _____ about the rainy weather.

exciting or excited:

May was _____ about winning the scholarship. It was an _____ announcement.

embarrassing or embarrassed:

I was _____ when the teacher called on me. That was _____.

exhausting or exhausted:

I hate cleaning my house. It is _____. I was _____ after cleaning all day

frightening or frightened:

I am _____ of bees. That was a _____ film.

frustrating or frustrated:

Mathematics can be _____. Jim is _____ because I won't go out with him.

interesting or interested:

Dan is _____ in animals. There are many _____ animals in the zoo.

Look at your OPD page 66.

What items do you see in the refrigerator? What items are in your refrigerator at home?
The woman has bought rice, pasta and bread. Which of these do you eat more of?
The woman has two coupons. What are the coupons for? Do you save coupons?
Do you make a list before you go to the store or do you walk up and down the aisle and pick up things you see?

Look at your OPD pg 68

Which of the fruits in the pictures are unfamiliar to you? Which fruits do people not eat in your country? What are your favorite fruits? How many times a day do you eat fruit?
Raisins, prunes, figs and dates are all dried fruit. Do you eat much dried fruit or do you prefer fresh fruit?
Do you like drinks made with fruit? Do you enjoy smoothies?

Which of these statements do you agree with?

1. I can't start the day without a big cup of hot steaming coffee.
2. I usually skip breakfast because I'm in a hurry.
3. I always peel my apple before eating it.
4. As a child, I loved to eat vegetables.
5. I am a vegetarian. I don't eat meat.
6. I usually eat alone.
7. I must have bread with every meal.
8. I would rather eat out than cook my own dinner.
9. I love hot, spicy dishes.
10. I take lots of vitamins and supplements.
11. I don't worry about counting calories. I just eat what I like.
12. I know fast food is bad for me, but I eat a lot of it anyway.
13. I have a hard time knowing what to order at a restaurant.
14. I prefer to eat several small meals rather than three big ones.
15. In my country, most people eat their biggest meal at night.
16. I don't understand American meal etiquette.