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▶ Participles as adjectives

Present participles

That *X-Men* movie sounds **interesting**.

Stephen King's books are **fascinating**.

I think action movies are **boring**.

Past participles

I'm not **interested** in action movies.

I'm **fascinated** by Stephen King's books.

I'm **bored** by action movies.

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A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

1. John Cho is such an _____ actor. I'm always _____ by his incredible talent. (amaze)
2. Most TV shows are really _____. I often get so _____ watching them that I fall asleep. (bore)
3. I was _____ in watching *The Martian* after I read the book. And I was surprised that the movie is really _____. (interest)
4. I'm _____ to watch *The Avengers*. Everybody has told me it's really _____. (excite)
5. I find animated films very _____. I've been _____ by them since I was a little kid. (amuse / fascinate)
6. It's _____ that horror movies are so popular. I can't understand why people go to the movies to feel _____. (surprise / terrify)



John Cho

B PAIR WORK Complete the description below with the correct forms of the words.

amaze annoy confuse disgust embarrass shock

I had a terrible time at the movies last weekend. First, my ticket cost \$25. I was really _____ by the price. By mistake, I gave the cashier two \$5 bills instead of a twenty and a five. I was a little _____. Then there was trash all over the theater. The mess was _____. The people behind me were talking during the movie, which was _____. The story was hard to follow. I always find thrillers so _____. I liked the special effects, though. They were _____!