

Participles as Adjectives

In English, present participles (-ing) and past participles (-ed) can be used as adjectives.

Present Participles (-ing)

We use **-ing adjectives** to **describe things** (movies, actors, stories, scenes). They tell us **how** something **is**.

Examples:

- The movie is **interesting**.
- The actor is **boring**.
- The story is **exciting**.

Past Participles (-ed)

We use **-ed adjectives** to **describe how people feel**. They describe the **feeling**.

Examples:

- I am **interested** in that movie.
- She is **bored** during the film.
- We are **excited** about the new actor.
- He is **frightened** by horror movies.

Movie review:

Spider-Man: Homecoming is an **exciting** and **entertaining** superhero movie. The story is about Peter Parker, a young student who becomes Spider-Man. He faces a **frightening** villain and learns important lessons about being a hero.

The main actor, Tom Holland, is very **charming** and **interesting** as Spider-Man. His performance is **amusing**, and the other actors are also **engaging** and talented.

I felt very **excited** while watching the movie because the action scenes were **thrilling**. I was **surprised** by some moments and never felt **bored**. After the movie, I felt happy and **satisfied**. It is a really enjoyable movie for people who like superhero films.



MOVIE TYPES & -ING ADJECTIVES

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ROMANTIC COMEDIES "ROM-COMS"		THRILLERS
- entertaining - amusing - charming - relaxing - enjoyable		- suspenseful - thrilling - exciting - surprising - gripping
DRAMAS		HORROR FILMS
- moving - touching - fascinating - emotional - interesting		- frightening - terrifying - shocking - disturbing - chilling
COMEDIES		SCIENCE FICTION
- amusing - entertaining - hilarious - laugh-inducing - enjoyable		- fascinating - amazing - mind-blowing - imaginative - thought-provoking

✓ **-ING ADJECTIVES** describe movies and things. They explain what causes the feeling.

✓ The movie is **boring**. ✓ The ending is **surprising**.

Exercise 1: Choose the correct adjective

1. The movie was very _____ (exciting / excited).
2. I felt _____ (bored / boring) during the film.
3. The actor is _____ (interesting / interested).
4. We were _____ (surprised / surprising) by the ending.
5. Horror movies are _____ (frightened / frightening).

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with one word (confusing/interested/amusing/relaxing)

1. That comedy is very _____.
2. I am _____ in action movies.
3. The story was _____, so I didn't understand it.
4. She feels _____ after watching romantic movies.

Exercise 3: Match the sentences

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| A | B |
| 1. The movie is boring. | a. I am surprised. |
| 2. The ending is surprising. | b. I am bored. |
| 3. The actor is frightening. | c. I am frightened. |

Exercise 4: Write your own movie review using participles as adjectives
