

## Teacher's Notes

### Adjectives with –ed and –ing – Giving Opinions

Verb participles used as adjectives are a frequent cause of student error. You can find further practice in the Workbook of Cutting Edge Pre-intermediate and Grammar Express pages 176-179.

- 1) Read the opinions in the box. What is the person giving an opinion about? Look at the six things in the box. Write the correct word from the box in the chart on the right. [Answers shown]

restaurant	film	book	football match	hotel	museum
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a) The food was disgusting!	restaurant
b) I love being frightened by a good horror film.	film
c) The stadium was crowded with fans of United.	football match
d) I was surprised by the score at the end.	football match
e) The special effects were amazing.	film
f) The last chapter is very exciting.	book
g) I am very interested in Ancient Egypt.	museum
h) The menu was rather disappointing.	restaurant
i) The hieroglyphs were very well displayed,	museum
j) I was bored with the first chapter.	book
k) I was very tired and I wanted a nice comfortable bed.	hotel
l) I had a relaxing Jacuzzi before I went to bed.	hotel

- 2) Read these opinions. Are they grammatically correct or incorrect? Mark the opinions **II** (=correct) or **O** (= incorrect).

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| a) I didn't enjoy the party. It was very bored.        | <u>O</u>  |
| b) The ghost story was very frightening.               | <u>II</u> |
| c) I was shocking by what she told me.                 | <u>O</u>  |
| d) The children were over-excited and noisy.           | <u>II</u> |
| e) Your holiday in South America sounds very exciting. | <u>II</u> |
| f) I was embarrassing when they asked me to sing.      | <u>O</u>  |
| g) It was very depressing to hear about your problems. | <u>II</u> |
| h) I thought the story was very confusing.             | <u>II</u> |

- i) I was very tiring so I went to bed. O  
 j) I went home early because the party was boring. II

**3) Underline the correct form of the adjective in these opinions.**

- a) I've just read a very | amusing | amused | book  
 b) The basketball game was very | excited | exciting | because both teams played well.  
 c) I couldn't find the way to your house because your map was very | confused | confusing |.  
 d) I was | amazed | amazing | that your daughter did so well in her exam.  
 e) Please go away. You are very | annoyed | annoying |.  
 f) I was | shocked | shocking | when I saw the bill! It was £54.25!  
 g) Are you | interested | interesting | in politics?  
 h) I was very | embarrassed | embarrassing | because I didn't understand Spanish.  
 i) Everybody was | amused | amusing | by her imitations of her teachers.  
 j) The walk to the top of the hill was | exhausted | exhausting |.

**4) Write the best adjective from the box to describe the events.**

amusing	disgusting	satisfying	annoying	depressing
enchancing	terrifying	moving	relaxing	boring

- a) I had a very good meal. satisfying  
 b) I was very angry when they didn't answer the phone. annoying  
 c) The music was very beautiful and made me feel magical. enchancing  
 d) The massage took away all my stress. relaxing  
 e) My room was dirty and made me feel sick. disgusting  
 f) The story was very funny and made me laugh. amusing  
 g) The news was very bad so I felt unhappy. depressing  
 h) The film was very long, slow and uninteresting. boring  
 i) The children cried when Bambi's mother was killed. moving  
 j) Your story about the air crash made me feel frightened. terrifying

**5) Look at the sentences in exercise 4 again. Write how you felt.**

- a) I was satisfied. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) I was annoyed. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c) I was enchanted. \_\_\_\_\_



- d) I was relaxed. \_\_\_\_\_
- e) I was disgusted. \_\_\_\_\_
- f) I was amused. \_\_\_\_\_
- g) I was depressed. \_\_\_\_\_
- h) I was bored. \_\_\_\_\_
- i) The children were moved. \_\_\_\_\_
- j) I was terrified. \_\_\_\_\_

