

Participle Adjectives Short List

-ing adjectives	-ed adjectives
alarming	alarmed
What an alarming noise!	I was alarmed by the loud bang.
amusing	amused
That TV programme is really amusing.	He was amused to hear his little son singing
	in the bath.
boring	bored
I've never seen such a boring film!	The students looked bored as the teacher
	talked and talked.
confusing	confused
I find these instructions very confusing!	I was confused, because I asked two people
Could you come and help me?	and they told me two different things.
depressing	depressed
This weather is depressing! Is it ever going	I was feeling depressed, so I stayed at home
to stop raining?	with hot chocolate and a good book.
embarrassing	embarrassed
That is the most embarrassing photo! I	John was really embarrassed when he fell
look terrible!	over in front of his new girlfriend.
exciting	excited
It's a really exciting book. I couldn't wait	I'm so excited! I'm going on holiday
to find out what happened at the end.	tomorrow!
exhausting	exhausted
I hate doing housework! It's exhausting!	Julie was so exhausted after her exams, she

	spent the next three days sleeping.
fascinating	fascinated
The brain is fascinating, isn't it? It's	Joan was fascinated by hr grandmother's
amazing how much it can do.	stories of life in the 1920s.
frightening	frightened
What a frightening film! I don't want to	I was really frightened of bees when I was
walk home on my own now!	little, but I don't mind them now.
frustrating	frustrated
It's frustrating when you want to say	I tried all morning to send an email, but it
something in another language, but you	wouldn't work. I was so frustrated!
don't know the word.	
interesting	interested
That was a very interesting book.	She's interested in animals, so she's
	thinking of studying to be a vet.
overwhelming	overwhelmed
I find London a bit overwhelming. It's so	Julie felt overwhelmed. She'd moved house,
busy and noisy.	got a new job and was learning to drive, all
	at the same time.
relaxing	relaxed
A nice hot bath is so relaxing after a long	She was so relaxed, sitting in front of the
day.	fire, that she didn't want to move.
satisfying	satisfied
John loves his new job as a teacher. He	I'm very satisfied that I managed to order
says it's very satisfying when he makes a	the meal in French.
student understand.	
shocking	shocked
What a shocking crime! It's terrible.	I was shocked when my co-worked admitted
	stealing some money.
surprising	surprised
It's surprising how many people don't want to	She was surprised when she arrived at her
travel to another country.	class and found the other students doing an

	exam. She'd thought it was a normal lesson.
terrifying	terrified
What a terrifying dog! It's huge!	My little son is terrified of the dark. We
	always leave a light on in his room at night.
thrilling	thrilled
What thrilling music! It's some of the	I was thrilled to win first prize in the
most beautiful I've ever heard.	competition.
tiring	tired
My job is really tiring. I often don't get	David's too tired to come to the cinema
home until 10pm.	tonight. He's going to go to bed early.