



## First Reading and Use of English Part 1 – Multiple choice cloze: Present and past participles

### Teacher's notes and answer key

Ready for use of English worksheets focus on particular areas of vocabulary and grammar that may be tested in the Cambridge First examination. They provide extension and/or extra practice of areas covered in the *Ready for First Certificate Coursebook*. They are designed to be used in class or as homework.

### Confusing words: *-ing* and *-ed*

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- a. Words that describe how we feel about something: bored, amazed, moved, depressed, frustrated, excited, thrilled
- b. Words that describe the thing or person that produces the feeling: surprising, confusing, disturbing, worrying, disappointing
- c. The rule is that we use *-ed* words to describe how we feel about something, and we use *-ing* words to describe the thing or person that produces the feeling.
- d. *Bored* describes how you felt. *Boring* means you made everybody else feel bored.

2 *It was ... scary; stressful; shameful; delightful; offensive; satisfactory; pleasant*

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- a. I've had a very *tiring* day. The last thing I need is you asking me stupid questions. So, stop being so *tiresome*.
- b. It was *infuriating* having to stand in that queue for four hours. I was absolutely *furious* when I got to the front only to find I was in the wrong queue.
- c. Frankly, I'm not totally *satisfied* with the quality of your work. Your grades in the last exam were only just *satisfactory*. You should work harder.
- d. I thought the house party was great. The décor was *tasteful*, and the food was *tasty*.

- e. It was a strange film. The opening was *terrific*. I really enjoyed it. But the ending was *terrible*. It was badly written and dull.
- f. After a stressful day, I like to sit in a *comfortable* armchair, listening to *comforting* music, sipping wine.

### What to expect in the exam

Being unemployed is a very **(0) depressing** time for anybody. I found it particularly **(1) frustrating** because all my friends were going out and buying cars. Probably the worst thing about life on the dole is the sheer **(2) boredom**. Everything seems pointless. Even when you have a **(3) terrific** day out with your mates, you come home, feeling down, feeling that being happy isn't right. One of the most **(4) worrying** things is that you lose your sense of fun, and you start feeling really **(5) sorry** for yourself. I was so **(6) relieved** when I finally got a job, I could have kissed the guy who employed me.



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1. To describe feelings, we often use past participles (with *-ed* endings) as adjectives, and present participles (with *-ing* endings) as adjectives. Divide the words in the box into two groups.

bored	amazed	surprising	depressed
confusing	disturbing	frustrated	excited
worrying	thrilled	disappointing	moved

a. Words that describe how we feel about something

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b. Words that describe the thing or person that produces the feeling

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c. What's the rule?

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d. What's the difference in meaning between the words in italics in the following sentences?

- I was *bored* at the party.
- I was *boring* at the party.

2. Although we say *bored* and *boring*, we also say *scared* and *scary*. In other words, English often uses a different form from *-ing* to describe the thing or person that produces the feeling. Write the correct form in column B.

A I felt ...

B It was ...

scared

scary

stressed

\_\_\_\_\_

ashamed

\_\_\_\_\_

delighted

\_\_\_\_\_

offended

\_\_\_\_\_

satisfied

\_\_\_\_\_ (or *satisfying*)

pleased

\_\_\_\_\_ (or *pleasing*)

3. Similar forms are often confusing. Choose the correct forms from each list to complete the sentences.

a. *tiring*                                      *tired*                                      *tiresome*

I've had a very \_\_\_\_\_ day. The last thing I need is you asking me stupid questions. So, stop being so \_\_\_\_\_.

b. *furious*                                      *infuriating*                                      *infuriated*

It was \_\_\_\_\_ having to stand in that queue for four hours. I was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ when I got to the front only to find I was in the wrong queue.



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- c. *satisfactory*                      *satisfied*                      *satisfying*

Frankly, I'm not totally \_\_\_\_\_ with the quality of your work. Your grades in the last exam were only just \_\_\_\_\_. You should work harder.

- d. *tasty*                                  *tasteful*                                  *tasteless*

I thought the house party was great. The décor was \_\_\_\_\_, and the food was \_\_\_\_\_.

- e. *terrific*                                  *terrifying*                                  *terrible*

It was a strange film. The opening was \_\_\_\_\_. I really enjoyed it. But the ending was \_\_\_\_\_. It was badly written and dull.

- f. *comforting*                                  *comfortable*                                  *comforted*

After a stressful day, I like to sit in a \_\_\_\_\_ armchair, listening to \_\_\_\_\_ music, sipping wine.

### What to expect in the exam

Part 1 of the Use of English Paper focuses mainly on vocabulary. You need to know the meaning, grammar and collocations of a word. This is an area of the exam where words with similar forms but different meanings might be checked. Try the extract from part 1 of the exam below.

### Part 1

For questions 1–6, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

**Example:** A disappointed    B depressed    **C depressing**    D oppressing

#### On the dole

Being unemployed is a very **(0)** \_\_\_\_\_ time for anybody. I found it particularly **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ because all my friends were going out and buying cars. Probably the worst thing about life on the dole is the sheer **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_. Everything seems pointless. Even when you have a **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ day out with your mates, you come home, feeling down, feeling that being happy isn't right. One of the most **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ things is that you lose your sense of fun, and you start feeling really **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself. I was so **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ when I finally got a job, I could have kissed the guy who employed me.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>A</b> frustrating | <b>B</b> frustrated | <b>C</b> frustratingly | <b>D</b> frustration |
| <b>2</b> | <b>A</b> boring      | <b>B</b> annoyance  | <b>C</b> boredom       | <b>D</b> annoying    |
| <b>3</b> | <b>A</b> terrific    | <b>B</b> terrified  | <b>C</b> terrible      | <b>D</b> terribly    |
| <b>4</b> | <b>A</b> worrier     | <b>B</b> worry      | <b>C</b> worrying      | <b>D</b> worried     |
| <b>5</b> | <b>A</b> sorrow      | <b>B</b> apologetic | <b>C</b> apologized    | <b>D</b> sorry       |
| <b>6</b> | <b>A</b> relieved    | <b>B</b> realised   | <b>C</b> released      | <b>D</b> releasing   |