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| **Modifiers: Be + Past and Present Participles as Modifiers** | | |
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| **FORM:** | **be (conjugated normally) + past participle**  **be (conjugated normally) + present participle** |  |
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| **USE:** | The participles of verbs can be used to modify nouns and pronouns. This is a very common structure. The **present participle** expresses an active meaning. The noun it describes does something. The **past participle** expresses a passive meaning. The noun it describes receives the action. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *The old text book is very boring.* (active-the book bores the reader)  *The students are bored with the old text book.* (passive-students are bored by the book)  *Hang gliding is an exciting sport.* (active-the sport excites people)  *The kids are excited about the party.* (passive-kids are excited by the party) | |

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| *Use a PAST or PRESENT PARTICIPLE to complete the following sentences.* |

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| 1. | Jazz music is so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(relax)*. I love listening to it after work. |
| 2. | Patty was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(meet)* by her boyfriend at the airport. |
| 3. | The students were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*forbid)* to use the computers during class time. |
| 4. | I hope my Mom is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(satisfy)* with her birthday gift. |
| 5. | Rita should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(relax)* after spending three weeks on the beach. |
| 6. | The kids were really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(excite)* when we arrived at the zoo. |
| 7. | We were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(depress)* to hear that her husband had died. |
| 9. | It is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(satisfy)* to receive a good mark on my project. |
| 10. | We were all very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(tire)* after completing the 5 km race. |
| 11. | We are all very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(interest)* in finding out how to make extra money. |
| 12. | Everyone was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(concern)* about his health getting worse. |
| 14. | The infant is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(feed)* supper at six o’clock. |
| 15. | His dry cleaning is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(pick)* up every Tuesday. |