

### EXERCISE 31-3 Present Versus Past Participles

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Edit the following sentences for proper use of present and past participles. If a sentence is correct, write “correct” after it. Example:

Danielle and Monica were very <sup>excited</sup>~~exciting~~ to be going to a Broadway show for the first time.

- a. Listening to everyone’s complaints all day was irritated.
  - b. During the long lecture, many students appeared boring.
  - c. His skill at chess is amazing.
  - d. After a great deal of research, the scientist made a fascinated discovery.
  - e. That blackout was one of the most frightened experiences I’ve ever had.
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1. I couldn’t concentrate on my homework because I was distracted.
  2. The directions to the new board game seem extremely complicating.
  3. How interested are you in visiting Civil War battlefields?
  4. The statistics on childhood poverty in the United States were depressing.
  5. Even after the lecturer went over the main points again, the students were still confusing.