

# UNIT 12

## EXCITING NOT FRIGHTENING



It is fun to have a ride on the roller coaster. For us it is very exciting.

It is not frightening at all.

follow + -ING = following  
verb                      suffix                      adjective

Refer to the spelling rules in Appendix B-III.

### A. Fill in the blank in the answer with an adjective derived from the verb used in the question.

**Example:** Did you follow the directions?  
Yes, I did, and I got the **following** result.

1. A: Does this picture appeal to you?  
B: Yes, it is a very \_\_\_\_\_ picture.
2. A: Does that magician amuse his friends with his tricks at parties?  
B: Oh yes, he is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.
3. A: Does she always look sad?  
B: Yes, she is a sad- \_\_\_\_\_ girl most of the time.
4. A: Did the book interest you?  
B: Yes, it was an extremely \_\_\_\_\_ book.

5. A: Does teaching demand a lot of skill, time, and patience?  
B: Yes, it is a very \_\_\_\_\_ job.
6. A: Does the drop of attendance correspond to the difficulty level of the course?  
B: Yes, as the course becomes more difficult, there's a \_\_\_\_\_ drop in attendance.
7. A: Doesn't her mother's advice penetrate Jane's mind?  
B: She does not seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ mind.
8. A: Can you contrast these two pieces of furniture?  
B: Yes, as a matter of fact, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ difference between this modern furniture and the other antique one.
9. A: Was Mrs. Smith revolted when she went into her son's new house.  
B: Yes, she found the mass of the house very \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A: How often do these political parties conflict with each other?  
B: They always seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ opinion or interests.

**B. Fill in each blank with the adjectival form of the verb in bold.**

1. The play failed to **entertain** the audience; therefore, the audience did not find the play very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. People may easily get **embarrassed** when questioned about their personal life; therefore, we have to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
3. It **struck** to us that one of the authors of these two books has been under the influence of the other because we found \_\_\_\_\_ similarities between these books.
4. We were so **excited** as we watched the football game last night. I can say that it was the most \_\_\_\_\_ game I have watched so far.
5. I am really **amazed** at the speed of my car. It goes at an \_\_\_\_\_ speed.
6. The parents were **terrified** when their children were kidnapped. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ ordeal.

7. The little girl was **frightened** by the big dinosaur she saw in her dream. This was her first \_\_\_\_\_ dream.
8. In the States, receiving Christmas presents always **excites** children; therefore, they always look forward to this \_\_\_\_\_ event
9. The boxer tried to **fatten** himself up for the match; therefore, he ate a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ food.
10. The function of most of the TV programs geared for children is to entertain rather than to **enlighten**; but they should be \_\_\_\_\_ as well as entertaining.

**C. Change the following verbs into adjectives by adding -ING. Then form phrases with these adjectives and the nouns in parentheses. Use a definite or indefinite article if necessary.**

Example : follow (chapter)

chapter

roll (stone)

the following

a rolling stone

1. tire (job)
2. board (house)
3. surprise (result)
4. succeed (president)
5. comfort (advice)
6. amaze (story)
7. amaze (news)

**D. Match the words in LIST A with the ones in LIST B. There may be more than one alternative. Use each pair in a sentence.**

**LIST A**

1. appealing
2. bright
3. penetrating
4. demanding
5. conflicting
6. embarrassing
7. entertaining
8. frightening
9. enlightening
10. boarding
11. succeeding
12. fattening

**LIST B**

- \_\_ book
- \_\_ looking
- \_\_ idea(s)
- \_\_ lecture
- \_\_ movie
- \_\_ job
- \_\_ event
- \_\_ people
- \_\_ pass
- \_\_ food
- \_\_ director
- \_\_ win

**E. Fill in each blank with one of the words in the box.**

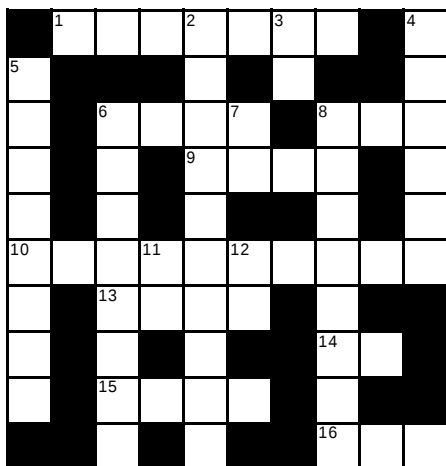
enlightening	amazing	exciting
frightening	conflicting	embarrassing
entertaining	amusing	terrifying

Jack likes adventurous films and Jill likes the romantic ones. Therefore each went to a different movie yesterday. When they got home, Jill asked, "How was the film?" Jack said, "It was very \_\_\_\_\_ for me because I like excitement in films. However, you would find it \_\_\_\_\_ because you crime stories frighten you." Jack then asked "How was yours?" Jill said, "It was a musical; therefore, it was very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. As you can guess, I enjoyed it very much. It was also \_\_\_\_\_, because I learned a lot from that film. There were no \_\_\_\_\_ love scenes."

Jack started to tell about his film, "In my case, the film was about two groups of students with \_\_\_\_\_ opinions. For this reason, they kept fighting with one another using very primitive weapons. Therefore, there were some \_\_\_\_\_ scenes. These scenes did not frighten me at all. Instead, they amazed me. It was so \_\_\_\_\_ to see how harmful weapons they use while fighting. Consequently, I did not see anything amusing at all."

**F. Write a paragraph about one of your experiences using at least seven adjectives ending in -ING.**

**G. Puzzle to solve.**



**Across**

- 1 being funny and making people laugh (7)
- 6 The \_\_\_s are singing on the tree. (4)
- 8 \_\_\_ James Walter (3)
- 9 harbour (4)
- 10 making people terrified (10)
- 13 The agenda in on my \_ in the office. (4)
- 14 Be here \_\_ two minutes. (2)
- 15 Five plus four makes \_\_\_\_\_. (4)
- 16 Vapour is the \_\_\_ form of water. (3)

**Down**

- 2 making people surprised (10)

- 3 Yes or \_\_\_? (2)
- 4 He doesn't like his job; it's very \_\_\_\_\_. (6)
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ news makes people excited. (8)
- 6 This is your \_\_\_\_\_ card for your plane. (8)
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you have a pen? (2)
- 8 A \_\_\_\_\_ person attracts attention. (8)
- 11 a suffix to indicate repetition (2)
- 12 initials for Fancy Kite (2)