

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 37: I was very confused

レッスン 37: とても混乱しました

Target: Using present and past participle adjectives correctly
 目的: 現在/過去分詞の形容詞的用法を正しく使ってみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• turnout	参加者	• a fun run	市民参加マラソン
• needless to say	言うまでもなく	• an alternative to...	～に代わるもの
• especially	特に	• a waste of time	時間の無駄
• (be) concerned about...	～について心配している	• (be) productive	生産的な
• environment	環境	• let alone	まして～なんて
• (to) have... to oneself	～を独り占めする	• (be) prospective	見込みのある
• (to) take over...	占領する	• (be) satisfied with...	～に満足している
• (to) nod	首を縦にふる	• waterfront	ウォーターフロント
• more and more	ますます	• a fireworks display	花火大会

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I had such a busy week last week. On Monday, I went to my son's soccer game. I was amazed by the turnout. There were so many people there it was unbelievable. My son's team played really well and were able to win in the last 5 minutes of the game. Needless to say, everyone was really really excited during the last 5 minutes. Especially me.

On Tuesday, my wife and I went to a local hot spring. The environment there was just so relaxing. I remember feeling surprised when I walked into the pool because no one was there. I had the entire hot spring to myself. I was a little disappointed about 10 minutes later though, when ten new guests came in and pretty much took over the pool. When I told my wife about it she didn't seem to be all that interested and just nodded along while playing with her phone.

On Wednesday, I had to solve a few problems at work. Some of the staff were concerned about some of the changes the head office had been talking about, and it was a little embarrassing when I went to talk to them, because I didn't even have all of the information myself. Everyone in the meeting just seemed to get more and more confused. It wasn't a good meeting. We were all relieved when that meeting was finally over.

On Thursday, everyone at work had to participate in a local fun run. Some thought it was entertaining alternative to work, while others just found it to be a boring waste of time. Personally, I thought it was so boring too. There were so many other productive things that I could have done in that time. I was exhausted by the time the race was over. I can't even remember the last time I ran 1 kilometer, let alone five. Wow! I'm tired.

On Friday, I was shocked to find out that I had to go on a business trip to meet with a new prospective client. The client was extremely satisfied with the presentation and our products. I think my boss is going to be very pleased.

On Saturday, the whole family and I went down to the waterfront to watch the local fireworks display. The fireworks started at 9pm and there were just stunning. My son really enjoyed himself too. He told me that he was a little bored while he was waiting for the show to start, but once it did he thought the fireworks and music were just amazing.

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Answer the questions below

1. What was relaxing?
2. Did his wife seem to be interested in the conversation?
3. What were some of the staff concerned about?
4. Why was he exhausted?
5. What was he shocked to find out?
6. What was the client satisfied with?
7. When was his son bored?
8. How many present and past participle adjectives can you find?

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