Fill in the blanks with a present or past participle.

1. The workers had a long talk with the manager, ......................... why they didn’t want to work on Saturdays.

explained
explaining
Either could be used here

2. ......................... out of the window, I could see a lovely range of mountains.

Looking
Looked
Either could be used here

3. She had a ......................... expression on her face.

concerning
concerned
Either could be used here

4. His explanation made me more
Present Or Past Participle

confusing
confused
Either could be used here

5. He is an ............................ writer.

interested
interesting
Either could be used here

6. The children get terribly
.................................whenever we have guests.

exciting
excited
Either could be used here

7. It was an ................................. prospect.

excited
exciting
Either could be used here
Present Or Past Participle

8. I couldn’t enjoy the party because I was ...........................................

worried
worrying

9. He lived alone, .................................................. by everybody.

forgetting
forgotten
Either could be used here

10. She ran out of the room .................................................

screaming
screamed
Either could be used here

11. He is still nursing a .................................................

heart.

breaking
broken
Either could be used here
12. The people ………………………………. gave very different opinions.

questioning
questioned
Either could be used here

Answers

1. The workers had a long talk with the manager, explaining why they didn’t want to work on Saturdays.

2. Looking out of the window, I could see a lovely range of mountains.

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