

Adjetivos con ed y ing

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Adjetivos con ed y ing, ¿sabes la diferencia?

Decirte que se utilizan para expresar sentimientos.

Hay adjetivos que tienen las dos terminaciones, -ed y -ing, por ejemplo bored y boring, que tienen significados diferentes y que por tanto, conviene conocer su diferencia:

– I am bored

Cuando digo «bored», acabado en -ed, es «I» la persona que está aburrida.

– The film was boring

Aquí, sin embargo, boring, con -ing, se refiere a «the film», que no es una persona, sino una cosa.

Por tanto, podemos afirmar que **-ed para personas y -ing para cosas o situaciones**. Es cierto que a veces también utilizamos -ing para personas, y ¿cuándo? Debes tener en cuenta que la terminación -ing indica una cualidad permanente, mientras que -ed es temporal. Si yo digo: I'm a boring person = soy una persona aburrida, lo soy siempre, es permanente, por eso, ing. Pero si digo I'm bored = estoy aburrido, es temporal, es sólo ahora.

Un **truco**, para que os resulte más fácil, si lo traducimos por «estar», necesitamos -ed, y si lo traducimos por «ser», entonces -ing. Hagamos la prueba:

– I am bored = yo **estoy** aburrido

– The film was boring = la película **fue** aburrida

Funciona, ¿verdad?

Otro ejemplo:

– My friend is bored = mi amigo/a **está** aburrido/a.

– My friend is boring = mi amigo/a **es** aburrido/a.

EXERCISE Circle the correct option:

o) It was a terrible play and I was **bored** / **boring** from start to finish.



- 1) I'm very **excited** / **exciting** because I'm going to New York tomorrow.
- 2) Are you **surprised** / **surprising** or were you expecting this news?
- 3) I'm reading a very **interested** / **interesting** book at the moment.
- 4) I've had a very **tired** / **tiring** day at work today and I want to go to bed.
- 5) Most people were **surprised** / **surprising** that he won the championship.
- 6) I'm **bored** / **boring**. Let's go out for a cup of coffee somewhere.
- 7) Visit our **excited** / **exciting** new shop!
- 8) His speech was very long and very **bored** / **boring**.

EXERCISE Complete each sentence using the correct word from the box. Use each word once.

bored	interested	surprising	amusing	confused
boring	amused	confusing	surprised	interesting

- 0) Your idea is very **interesting**. Tell me more about it.
- 1) He told me a very story. I laughed and laughed.
- 2) This is a terribly book. Nothing happens in it.
- 3) She's in politics and often talks about it.
- 4) The map was and I got lost.
- 5) She was because she had nothing to do all day.
- 6) Everyone else thought it was funny, but she wasn't
- 7) Could you repeat that, please? I'm a bit because it was very complicated.
- 8) It is that she failed the exam, because she's a good student.
- 9) Everyone was by the sudden noise.