

26 Adjectives with **-ed** and **-ing**

Carlos and his grandfather are very excited.
They are watching an exciting football
match on TV. They are pleased
their team is winning.



1 Form

-ed (OUR FEELINGS)	-ing (THE THING THAT CAUSES OUR FEELINGS)
We're excited .	The film is exciting . It's an exciting film.
I'm bored .	The test is boring . It's a boring test.

2 **-ed** adjectives

We often use adjectives that end in **-ed** to say how people or animals feel:
*Carlos and his grandfather are very **excited**.*
*There's nothing to do here – we're **bored**.*
***Tired** children often behave badly.*

3 **-ing** adjectives

We use adjectives that end in **-ing** to describe something that causes our feelings:
*They are watching an **exciting** football match on TV.* (the football match excites them)
*The end of the film was very **surprising**.* (the end of the film surprised me)
*We've had a very **tiring** day.* (the day made us tired)

We often use **-ing** adjectives to ask about something or to give an opinion:
*Do you think English grammar is **interesting**?*
*Amanda's sister is really **boring**.*



We don't use **-ing** adjectives to talk about how we feel:

~~✗ I'm very **interesting** in sport.~~

✓ I'm very **interested** in sport.

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- ANNA How was the football match?
 PEDRO Fantastic. It was really (0) *excited* / *exciting*. We won!
 ANNA Really?
 PEDRO You seem (1) *surprised* / *surprising*!
 ANNA Well, yes. I am a bit. Anyway, I'm (2) *pleased* / *pleasing* you won.
 PEDRO What about you? How was your day?
 ANNA Oh, it was (3) *bored* / *boring*. I spent all day working on the new website.
 PEDRO But yesterday you said it was (4) *interested* / *interesting*!
 ANNA I know. But now I feel (5) *bored* / *boring* with it.
 PEDRO Well, I'm quite (6) *tired* / *tiring* now, I don't feel like cooking.
 Shall we order a pizza or something? And watch *Dracula* on TV?
 ANNA Oh, no! I feel (7) *frightening* / *frightened* when I watch that kind of film.

2 Write adjectives from the box under the pictures.

excited / exciting frightened / frightening pleased / pleasing surprised / surprising tired / tiring



0 He feels *tired*.



1 They are *excited*.



2 The letter has some *surprising* news.



3 It was a very *frightening* film.



4 The race was *exciting*.



5 She's *pleased*.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE There are three more mistakes in the email. Find and correct them.

Subject Don't miss this!

I've just seen a brilliant film – *The Hostel*. Well, you know me, I love horror films! I think it's the most *frightening* film I've ever seen. There was a huge queue, we had to wait for twenty-five minutes to get into the cinema – very boring! But it was worth it. In the middle of the movie my friend Jake screamed! And the end is really surprised. But I won't tell you about it! By the way, how was your trip to Durham? Was it interested? I'm getting very excited about your visit here next month. I can't wait! And Janice is very pleasing because she hasn't seen you for a long time ...