

Adjectives ending in -ED and -ING

Introduction: -ED vs -ING Adjectives

- Use -ING adjectives to describe a thing, situation, or person that causes a feeling.

→ *The film was terrifying.* (the film = the cause)

- Use -ED adjectives to describe how a person feels.

→ *I was terrified.* (I = the one who feels it)

Common mistake:

**Don't say "I am boring" when you mean you feel bored.
"I am boring" means other people think YOU are a boring person!**

Choose the correct adjective.

1. The maths test was very _____. I didn't understand any of it. (**confusing / confused**)
2. Maya got 100% in her exam. She was really _____. (**satisfying / satisfied**)
3. Horror films are not for me. I find them really _____. (**frightening / frightened**)
4. We were all _____ when the teacher cancelled the homework! (**amazing / amazed**)
5. Long bus journeys are _____. I always fall asleep. (**tiring / tired**)
6. Jack forgot his lines in the school play. It was so _____. (**embarrassing / embarrassed**)
7. The news about the storm was _____. Everyone was worried. (**worrying / worried**)
8. I love this song. It is so _____ after a hard day. (**relaxing / relaxed**)
9. The magician's trick was _____. Nobody knew how he did it. (**surprising / surprised**)
10. Clara was _____ when she didn't win the competition. (**disappointing / disappointed**)

Use the correct -ED or -ING form of the word in brackets.

1. The book was so _____ that I read it in one day. (**interest**)
2. Tom felt _____ after the long hike in the mountains. (**tire**)
3. It is _____ when you forget someone's name. (**embarrass**)
4. We were _____ by the magician's tricks. (**amuse**)
5. The children were _____ by the loud thunder. (**frighten**)
6. The ending of the film was really _____. (**disappoint**)

7. She felt _____ because the instructions were not clear. (**confuse**)
8. The holiday was very _____. We didn't want to come home. (**relax**)
9. It is _____ that she passed all her exams! (**amaze**)
10. I was _____ when I won first prize. (**surprise**)

Write one sentence for each adjective. Use a real example from your own life!

• **worried:** *(I was worried when ...)*

• **interesting:** *(It is interesting that ...)*

• **annoying:** *(It is really annoying when ...)*

• **amazed:** *(I was amazed when ...)*

• **tiring:** *(I think ... is tiring because ...)*

• **satisfied:** *(I felt satisfied when ...)*