

Adjectives ending in -ing and -ed (boring/bored etc.)

Many adjectives end in **-ing** and **-ed**, for example: **boring** and **bored**.
Study this example situation:

bored

boring



Jane has been doing the same job for a very long time. Every day she does exactly the same thing again and again. She doesn't enjoy her job any more and would like to do something different.

Jane's job is **boring**.

Jane is **bored** with her job.

She feels **bored**.
Her job is **boring**.

Somebody is **bored** or gets **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**.
If something is **boring**, you get **bored** with it.

So:

- ☐ Jane is **bored** because her job is **boring**.
- ☐ Jane's job is **boring**, so Jane is **bored**. (not Jane is boring)

If a person is **boring**, this means that they make other people **bored**.

- ☐ Paul always talks about the same things. He's really **boring**.

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Exercise

Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word in brackets + **-ing** or **-ed**.

1 The movie wasn't as good as we had expected. (disappoint...)

Example

a The movie was disappointing.

b We were disappointed with the movie.

2 Donna teaches young children. It's a very hard job, but she enjoys it. (exhaust...)

a She enjoys her job, but it's often

b At the end of a day's work, she is often

3 It's been raining all day. I hate this weather. (depress...)

a This weather is

b This weather makes me

c It's silly to get because of the weather.

4 Clare is going to Mexico next month. She's never been there before. (excite...)

a It will be an experience for her.

b Going to new places is always

c She is really about going to Mexico.

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