

# ED OR ING ADJECTIVES

## What's the Difference? -ed vs. -ing

▶ use to describe how people feel

**-ed**

bored      interested      excited  
confused      surprised      frustrated



This lesson is difficult. I am confused!  
Ken had nothing to do. He was very bored.

▶ use to describe something that causes an emotion

**-ing**

boring      interesting      exciting  
confusing      surprising      frustrating



This lecture is very confusing. I don't understand!  
The movie was interesting. I want to watch it again.

**1.** Use the right adjective, -ed or -ing. Choose the best option to complete each sentence.

- My most \_\_\_\_\_ experience as a teenager was travelling to London on my own. I remember I was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't sleep the night before my flight. (excite)
- I was really \_\_\_\_\_ when I got to the airport and found out that Julie, the girl I liked most from high school, was travelling with me. (surprise)
- I felt rather \_\_\_\_\_ when she asked to sit next to me. Did she feel the same way as I did? (confuse)
- She told me she was a little bit \_\_\_\_\_ about the flight. (worry)
- I advised her to listen to some \_\_\_\_\_ music. Soon, we both felt more \_\_\_\_\_. (relax)
- I learnt lots of English and found out that Julie was \_\_\_\_\_ in me! My stay in London was extremely \_\_\_\_\_. (interest)



Gosh! How embarrassing!

**ADJECTIVES**  
Ending in -ED and -ING

**HE IS BORED**

**THESE BOOKS ARE BORING**

**ADJECTIVES THAT END IN -ING** Describe the *characteristic* of a person, a thing or a situation. It **CAUSES** a feeling.  
*The books are boring. We are describing a characteristic of these books. What do these books cause? They make people feel bored.*

**ADJECTIVES THAT END IN -ED** Describe a *feeling* or an emotion. It is how we **FEEL** about something.  
*He is bored. This is his feeling right now. This feeling was caused by the books. He is not going to be bored for eternity. He feels bored for now. (It is temporary)*

**Example Sentences** (compare the difference)  
*I am tired right now. My flight was tiring (because it was a twelve-hour flight). Public toilets are sometimes disgusting. I am disgusted by the smell of them. Your speech was inspiring. I'm now inspired to do great things with my life.*

**2.** Complete the sentences with an adjective, -ed or -ing, or the verb in the right verb tense form.

- Tommy is really \_\_\_\_\_ (excite) about driving his specially adapted car.
- He is really \_\_\_\_\_ (interest) in travelling. He won't have to depend on his parents any more.



**3.** Complete the sentences by adding the correct suffix to the words below:  
• amaze • excite • exhaust •  
• interest • satisfy • shock •

- I went to the U2 concert on Saturday night. It was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_!
- Sally isn't \_\_\_\_\_ in football. She thinks it's a stupid game!
- That was a \_\_\_\_\_ meal. I haven't eaten such good food in a long time.
- She was \_\_\_\_\_ when she won the contest. She didn't believe it at first.
- Dave had to walk over 30 km to get home. He was \_\_\_\_\_ when he arrived.
- There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ rides at the amusement park, but some of them are too scary for me.