

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.

ENGLISH
GRAMMAR

ADJECTIVES Ending in -ED and -ING

Woodward
in Mind

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.

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!

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.