

Word Skills

Adjective endings

I can use different adjective endings.

Look at the title of the text and the photo. What do you think the story is about?

Read the text and answer the question: Who replied to Zoe's message?

Message in a bottle

In 1990, Zoe Lemon was on a ferry, sailing from Hull in England to Germany. She was going on holiday with her family. The journey was long and tiring and ten-year-old Zoe soon got bored. To pass the time, she decided to write a message in a bottle and drop it into the sea. 'It will be interesting if someone finds it,' she thought. Then she forgot about the bottle completely.

Twenty-three years later, she was amazed to get a reply from someone in the Netherlands. A man was walking on the beach and was surprised to find Zoe's bottle in the sand. He wrote to the address on the message, where Zoe's parents still live. Zoe was delighted, but it was also very moving for her to see her message again after twenty-three years, and she cried when she read it. 'It's astonishing that the bottle didn't break,' said Zoe. Her five-year-old son thinks it is all very exciting and wants to put a message in a bottle himself!



SPEAKING Work in pairs. Imagine you are going to put a message in a bottle and drop it into the sea. What would you write? Tell the class.

LEARN THIS! -ed / -ing adjectives

- a** Many adjectives ending in ¹ ___ describe how people feel. Adjectives ending in ² ___ describe something which makes them feel that way. Pairs of -ed / -ing adjectives like these are formed from verbs, e.g. *disappoint*.
I'm disappointed. My exam result is disappointing.
- b** Sometimes the spelling changes.
worry (verb) – worried, worrying bore (verb) – bored, boring
- c** Not all -ed adjectives have -ing equivalents, e.g. *delighted, ashamed.*

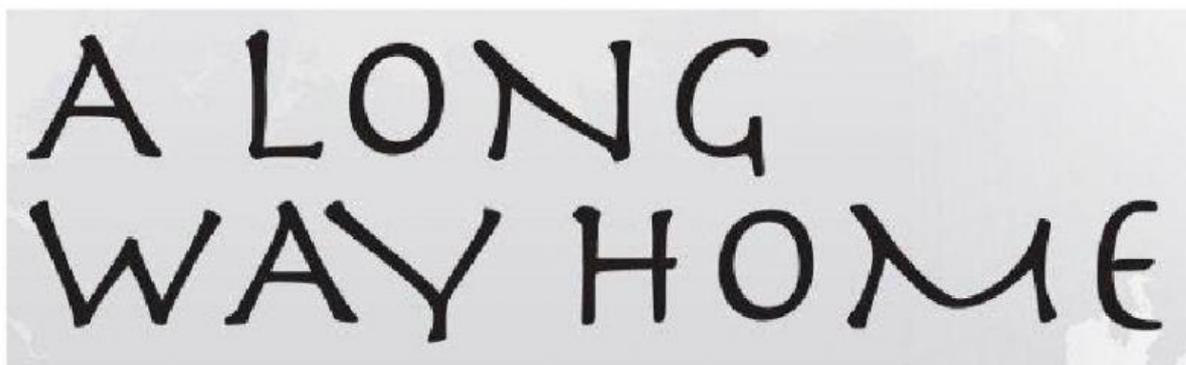
Select the correct forms:

- 1 I don't like this film. It's **bored** / **boring**.
- 2 I don't find computer games very **excited** / **exciting**.
- 3 Don't be **frightened** / **frightening**. The dog won't bite.
- 4 I was **shocked** / **shocking** when I heard the news.
- 5 It's really **annoyed** / **annoying** when you interrupt.
- 6 Why are you looking so **worried** / **worrying**?

Complete each pair of sentences with **-ed** and **-ing** adjectives formed from the verbs in brackets.

- 1 **a** I don't understand this map. It's very _____ .
(confuse)
- b** Can you help me with my maths? I'm _____ .
(confuse)
- 2 **a** I was _____ when I fell over. (embarrass)
- b** I hate it when my dad dances. It's so _____ !
(embarrass)
- 3 **a** That journey was very _____ . (tire)
- b** I was _____ after a long day at school. (tire)
- 4 **a** Are you _____ in photography? (interest)
- b** Which is the most _____ lesson in this unit?
(interest)
- 5 **a** Yuck! This cheese smells _____ ! (disgust)
- b** She was _____ by his bad behaviour. (disgust)

Complete the text with the correct **-ed** or **-ing** adjective formed from the verbs in brackets.



A LONG
WAY HOME

Saroo was born in Madhya Pradesh in India. His family were very poor, so when Saroo was just five, he and his brother Guddu found work on trains as cleaners. One day the boys went to work at a station 70 km from home. The job was very ¹ _____ (tire) for Saroo and he fell asleep at the station. He was so ² _____ (exhaust) that he slept for hours. When he woke up, Guddu was not there. Saroo was ³ _____ (shock) and ⁴ _____ (worry). He looked for his brother, but couldn't find him. It was a very ⁵ _____ (frighten) situation for a young child.

After two weeks, the police found Saroo, but he could not tell them where his home was - he was too ⁶ _____ (confuse) and he didn't know its name. In the end, the police decided he was officially lost and placed him with an adoption agency. An Australian family called Brierley took him to their home in Tasmania and he grew up with them.

As an adult, Saroo Brierley stayed in Australia, but he looked for his home town in India using the photos on Google Earth on his computer. It took months, but Saroo never got ⁷ _____ (bore) with looking. In the end, he found the town. He was ⁸ _____ (delight) and travelled there at once. When he saw his mother again for the first time in 25 years, it was a very ⁹ _____ (move) experience for both of them. Newspapers and TV stations became ¹⁰ _____ (interest) in Saroo's ¹¹ _____ (astonish) story and Saroo himself wrote a book about it in 2012.

Complete use the **-ed** or **-ing** adjective forms.

confuse disgust excite frighten move

- 1 'This milk has got black bits in it.' 'How _____!'
- 2 We all cried at the end of the film – it was so _____!
- 3 I enjoyed the book, but I was _____ about the ending. It didn't make sense.
- 4 I love watching football, it's so _____!
- 5 I felt _____ because it was dark in the house and I was alone.

Select the right option:

- 1 Playing volleyball is fun, but it's **tired / tiring**.
- 2 This new computer game is **amazed / amazing!**
- 3 I was **astonished / astonishing** that we won the dance competition.
- 4 'I fell off my chair in the middle of a lesson.' 'How **embarrassed / embarrassing!**'
- 5 My grandma's stories are always **interested / interesting**.
- 6 I read a **shocked / shocking** report about smoking.
- 7 I wasn't **surprised / surprising** that he was late.
- 8 I was so **annoyed / annoying** about your comment!