



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.

Complete the gaps with the right adjective. Use the verbs in brackets. Follow the example.

0. Rosa doesn't notice anything when she's engrossed (engross) in a book.
1. We come home pretty _____ (exhaust) at the end of each day.
2. Did you hear the _____ (shock) news about the accident?
3. It was not _____ (surprise) she failed her tests. She never studied.
4. I'm getting _____ (bore) with this book. Nothing ever happens.
5. These instructions are pretty _____ (confuse). Can you help me?
6. I'm _____ (shock) that he could do something so stupid and dangerous.
7. I don't find sport at all _____ (interest).
8. I was not _____ (amuse) to be kept waiting so long.
9. Our new Maths teacher is very _____ (frighten). We sit there like mice!
10. It was very _____ (disappoint) not to be selected for the basketball team.
11. His behaviour has been very _____ (puzzle) in recent weeks.
12. She's got a big dog but you don't need to be _____ (frighten).
13. That shop never has any customers. I'm _____ (astonish) it's still there.
14. The battery on my phone only lasts about two hours. It's really _____ (irritate).

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15. You look pretty _____ (worry). What's wrong?
16. The freelance was frozen in the face of the _____ (horror) image of the bombing.
17. There's nothing more _____ (excite) than riding on a rollercoaster.
18. Some of his comments were _____ (insult).
19. My friend Peter thought that the marathon was _____ (challenge).
20. You must be _____ (relieve) now that your exams are finished.
21. The little boy was _____ (terrify) when he saw a big dog.
22. Patrick is always showing off what is really _____ (annoy).
23. That lamp produces a very _____ (please) effect.
24. I had such a _____ (tire) day I went straight to bed.
25. No one knew what would happen next. We were all _____ (intrigue).
26. I walked into this restaurant and there was Andy with a strange woman. He seemed really _____ (embarrass).
27. He's such a _____ (bore) guy. He only ever talks about himself.
28. The whole school was _____ (sadden) by the tragic event.
29. His mother was _____ (disgust) by what she found under his bed.
30. It's so _____ (frustrate)! No matter how much I study I can't seem to remember this vocabulary.
31. That film was so _____ (depress)! There was no happy ending for any of the characters.
32. Don't show my baby photos to people, Mum! It's so _____ (embarrass).
33. It's okay, it's only me. Don't be _____ (alarm).
34. Maggie looks _____ (overwhelm) with work at the moment.
35. Paul isn't very academic, but luckily he has _____ (encourage) teachers.
36. There's been some very _____ (amaze) news recently.