

Adjectives ending in '-ed' and '-ing'

Look at these examples to see how adjectives ending in -ed and -ing are used.

-I was really bored in that presentation.

-That was a really boring presentation.

EX)Test yourself

1-You look really _____. Why don't you go to bed?

- ☐ tired ☐ tiring

2-Can I call you? I've got some very _____ news for you!

- ☐ excited ☐ exciting

3-My neighbour is always playing loud music. It's very _____.

- ☐ annoyed ☐ annoying

4-The directions were _____ and we got lost.

- ☐ confused ☐ confusing

5-I was really _____ that I won the competition.

- ☐ surprised ☐ surprising

6-She didn't call about the car. I don't think she's _____ in buying it.

- ☐ interested ☐ interesting

7-My cats get really _____ when there's a thunderstorm.

- ☐ frightened ☐ frightening

8-His exam results were really _____.

- ☐ disappointed ☐ disappointing

Grammar explanation

Adjectives that end in -ed (e.g. bored, interested) and adjectives that end in -ing (e.g. boring, interesting) are often confused.

1-ed adjectives

Adjectives that end in -ed generally describe emotions – they tell us how people feel.

- I was so bored in that lesson, I almost fell asleep.
- He was surprised to see Helen after all those years.
- She was really tired and went to bed early.

2-ing adjectives

Adjectives that end in -ing generally describe the thing that causes the emotion – a boring lesson makes you feel bored.

- Have you seen that film? It's really frightening.
- I could listen to her for hours. She's so interesting.
- I can't sleep! That noise is really annoying!

Here are some adjectives that can have both an -ed and an -ing form.

annoyed	annoying
bored	boring
confused	confusing
disappointed	disappointing
excited	exciting
frightened	frightening
interested	interesting
surprised	surprising
tired	tiring
worried	worrying

Choose the correct option.



The movie is .



The children get .



Most runners were .



A marathon is .



Cold weather is .



The boy was .



The woman was .



Ironing is very .



The girl was .



This monster is .



Yoga is very .



I am to meet her.



The trip was very .



She was with my present.



She is not with her car.



Phrasal verbs are .



They were after the match.



Mum is about me.



That music is really .



This game is .