



# ADJECTIVES

**Objective:** Differentiate adjectives ending in **ED** and **ING**.

**ADJECTIVES ENDING IN -ED DESCRIBE EMOTIONS - THEY TELL US HOW PEOPLE FEEL, E.G. I'M BORED.**

**ADJECTIVES ENDING IN -ING DESCRIBE THE THING THAT CAUSES THE EMOTION, E.G. A BORING LESSON**

A. Match each **-ed** adjective with an adjective that has a similar meaning.

depressed	moved	amused	worried	shocked	bored
annoyed	frightened	thrilled	humiliated	disappointed	puzzled

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|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. entertained  | ..... | 7. happy          | ..... |
| 2. anxious      | ..... | 8. scared         | ..... |
| 3. irritated    | ..... | 9. embarrassed    | ..... |
| 4. confused     | ..... | 10. surprised     | ..... |
| 5. disheartened | ..... | 11. disinterested | ..... |
| 6. emotional    | ..... | 12. sad           | ..... |

B. Complete the sentences with suitable **-ed** adjectives from Exercise A.

- Everyone was ..... when they saw a big bear near the campsite.
- My sister was very ..... last night when our dog didn't come home.
- I studied very hard for this exam and I failed. I'm very ..... in myself because I was expecting to do better.

4. Yesterday, I lost my job and I felt kind of ..... but when I got home my husband had prepared a beautiful surprise for me. I was .....
5. The university lecture was supposed to be interesting but it wasn't. I was ..... the whole time.
6. My best friend has just told me that she is mad at me but I'm completely ..... because I don't know what I've done.
7. My son is a great storyteller. He always tells funny stories at dinner and I sit there feeling .....
8. My sister told us she didn't want to have children but when she announced she was pregnant we were all ..... and of course ..... to hear the news!
9. Last week, I had to give a big speech for a university assignment. I had prepared a lot for this presentation but when I got up on stage I forgot everything! I was .....
10. I'm always ..... when my sister borrows my clothes without asking me.

C. Choose the correct **-ed** or **-ing** adjective in each sentence.

1. Alfred wanted to get first place in the 10km race, but he got second. He was very **disappointed** / **disappointing**.
2. My sister and I spent all day trying to build a bookshelf. The instructions weren't clear so we were completely **puzzled** / **puzzling**.
3. While I was eating dinner at a restaurant last night, I saw the waiter drop two glasses of wine on a guest. I felt horrible for him, how **humiliated** / **humiliating**!
4. One of the most **annoyed** / **annoying** things is when I'm trying to sleep and there's a mosquito buzzing in my ear.
5. It was **shocked** / **shocking** to find out that my colleague quit without notice. I'm definitely not **thrilled** / **thrilling** about it because now I have a lot more work to do.
6. I don't find carnivals **amused** / **amusing** because I'm frightened / frightening of clowns.
7. My uncle is quite **bored** / **boring**, he doesn't find anything funny and our interests are very different.

8. I watched a film last night where a dog spent the whole night beside his sick owner. It was incredibly **moved / moving**.

9. I'm not **worried / worrying** about losing my job. My boss loves me!

10. The film Titanic has one of the most **depressed / depressing** endings I've ever seen.