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Adjectives ending in -ing and -ed (boring/bored etc.)

A Many adjectives end in -ing and -ed, for example: **boring** and **bored**. Study this example situation:



Jane has been doing the same job for a very long time. Every day she does exactly the same thing again and again. She doesn't enjoy her job any more and would like to do something different.

Jane's job is **boring**.

Jane is **bored** (with her job).

Somebody is **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**. Or, if something is **boring**, it makes you **bored**. So:

- ☐ Jane is **bored** because her job is **boring**.
- ☐ Jane's job is **boring**, so Jane is **bored**. (*not* Jane is boring)

If a person is **boring**, this means that they make other people **bored**:

- ☐ George always talks about the same things. He's really **boring**.

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Compare adjectives ending in -ing and -ed:

- ☐ My job is {
 - boring.**
 - interesting.**
 - tiring.**
 - satisfying.**
 - depressing** (etc.)

In these examples, the -ing adjective tells you about the job.

- ☐ I'm **bored** with my job.
- ☐ I'm not **interested** in my job any more.
- ☐ I get very **tired** doing my job.
- ☐ I'm not **satisfied** with my job.
- ☐ My job makes me **depressed**. (etc.)

In these examples, the -ed adjective tells you how somebody feels (about the job).

Compare these examples:

interesting

- ☐ Julia thinks politics is **interesting**.
- ☐ Did you meet anyone **interesting** at the party?

surprising

- ☐ It was **surprising** that he passed the exam.

disappointing

- ☐ The movie was **disappointing**. We expected it to be much better.

shocking

- ☐ The news was **shocking**.

interested

- ☐ Julia is **interested** in politics. (*not* interesting in politics)
- ☐ Are you **interested** in buying a car? I'm trying to sell mine.

surprised

- ☐ Everybody was **surprised** that he passed the exam.

disappointed

- ☐ We were **disappointed** with the movie. We expected it to be much better.

shocked

- ☐ I was **shocked** when I heard the news.

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Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word in brackets + -ing or -ed.

- 1 The movie wasn't as good as we had expected. (**disappoint...**)
 - a The movie was disappointing.
 - b We were disappointed with the movie.
- 2 Donna teaches young children. It's a very hard job, but she enjoys it. (**exhaust...**)
 - a She enjoys her job, but it's often _____.
 - b At the end of a day's work, she is often _____.
- 3 It's been raining all day. I hate this weather. (**depress...**)
 - a This weather is _____.
 - b This weather makes me _____.
 - c It's silly to get _____ because of the weather.
- 4 Clare is going to Mexico next month. She has never been there before. (**excite...**)
 - a It will be an _____ experience for her.
 - b Going to new places is always _____.
 - c She is really _____ about going to Mexico.

98.2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 I was ~~disappointing~~ / disappointed with the film. I had expected it to be better.
(*disappointed is correct*)
- 2 Are you interesting / interested in football?
- 3 The new project sounds exciting / excited. I'm looking forward to working on it.
- 4 It's embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- 5 Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- 6 I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- 7 She has really learnt very fast. She has made amazing / amazed progress.
- 8 I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- 9 It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- 10 Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- 11 He's one of the most boring / bored people I've ever met. He never stops talking and he never says anything interesting / interested.

98.3 Complete each sentence using a word from the box.

amusing/amused	annoying/annoyed	boring/bored
confusing/confused	disgusting/disgusted	exciting/excited
exhausting/exhausted	interesting/interested	surprising /surprised

- 1 He works very hard. It's not surprising that he's always tired.
- 2 I've got nothing to do. I'm
- 3 The teacher's explanation was Most of the students didn't understand it.
- 4 The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really
- 5 I don't visit art galleries very often. I'm not particularly in art.
- 6 There's no need to get just because I'm a few minutes late.
- 7 The lecture was I fell asleep.
- 8 I've been working very hard all day and now I'm
- 9 I'm starting a new job next week. I'm very about it.
- 10 Steve is good at telling funny stories. He can be very
- 11 Helen is a very person. She knows a lot, she's travelled a lot and she's done lots of different things.