

3 Adjectives ending in *-ing* and *-ed*

Some common adjectives are formed from verbs and have both *-ing* and *-ed* forms.

We use the *-ed* form to describe our feelings:

I'm tired. (= a description of how I feel: I've used up all my energy so I need a rest)



We use the *-ing* form to describe the things which make us feel like this:

This work is tiring. (= a description of the work: it takes a lot of energy to do it)



Compare these sentences:

It's a boring film. (= there's no action in it)	The visitors are bored. (= they have nothing to do)
We had a relaxing holiday. (= the atmosphere was restful)	Good driving instructors always have a relaxed manner. (= they don't seem nervous)
That was a very satisfying meal. (= there was plenty to eat)	The airline has many satisfied customers. (= the customers feel happy)

Choose the correct adjectives in these sentences.

- 1 I was really *boring* / *bored* on holiday. There was nothing to do.
- 2 Last night's show was really *disappointing* / *disappointed* – we wasted our money.
- 3 We were very *surprising* / *surprised* when we got to the hotel and it was closed.
- 4 Tom was so *exciting* / *excited* when he received your letter with the good news.
- 5 He hated talking in public so he felt very *worrying* / *worried* about giving a speech.
- 6 Rahim gave me a ride on his motorbike. It was absolutely *terrifying* / *terrified*.
- 7 I didn't find the holiday *relaxing* / *relaxed* because my friend wanted us to go out all the time.

V Vocabulary note

Many adjectives for feelings can also be followed by (that) + subject + verb or infinitive (to ...):

Maria was sorry (that) she had missed the party.
Maria was pleased to get the invitation.

Choose the correct adjectives.

- 1 James told us some *fascinating* / *fascinated* stories about the music business.
- 2 Why are you looking so *depressing* / *depressed*? What's wrong?
- 3 Sarah's got an *amazing* / *amazed* collection of computer games.
- 4 Felix has this really *annoying* / *annoyed* habit of reading my emails.
- 5 The *boring* / *bored* students started causing trouble in class.
- 6 I watched the show for a while, but it wasn't really *interesting* / *interested*, so I left.
- 7 The food in this canteen is absolutely *disgusting* / *disgusted*.
- 8 The astronaut gave a *relaxing* / *relaxed* wave and entered the space capsule.

Complete these tables.

Noun	fear	amazement	_____	_____	annoyance	_____
Verb	frighten	_____	_____	_____	_____	excite
Adjective	frightening frightened	_____	embarrassing embarrassed	pleasing pleased	_____	exciting excited

Noun	depression	_____	pride	anxiety	misery	_____
Adjective	_____	angry	_____	_____	_____	jealous

EP Complete the words to form adjectives with *-ed* or *-ing*.

- 1 He's an amaz..... person; he's not afraid to do anything.
- 2 Joseph can be really irritat..... when he's in a silly mood.
- 3 I'm not interest..... in learning to drive.
- 4 It was really embarrass..... I burnt all the sausages when my friends came over for a barbecue.
- 5 I was quite disappoint..... not to win the tennis match, after I'd trained so hard.
- 6 I don't find computer games at all relax.....

4 Complete the table with the verb and noun forms.

Adjective	Verb	Noun
amused / amusing	to amuse	
confused / confusing		
embarrassed / embarrassing		
exhaust / exhausting		
excited / exciting		
relaxed / relaxing		
shocked / shocking		
worried / worrying		

2.1 Read the email. The underlined adjectives have similar meanings to those in the table below. Write them in the correct column.

Hi Helga

Just wanted to tell you that I went to the seaside last Saturday with my friends. I was really glad that they phoned me because I was feeling fed up and I was relieved to have something to do. But when we got to the seaside I realised they were going to the theme park and I've always been scared of the big rides. I got a bit angry with them because they hadn't told me. But in the end they persuaded me to go with them. As I sat there waiting for the first ride to begin, I could feel my heart beating faster and faster, but as soon as it started I forgot to feel anxious about it because it was such fun. When I got off I was surprised to realise how much I'd enjoyed it and I went on all the other rides too! You must come with me next time.

Love, Tina

amazed	annoyed	depressed	frightened	pleased	worried
				glad	

Listening Part 1

► 38 You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).



Exam tip

Listen carefully for words which mean the same as words in the questions, e.g. if *frightening* is in the question you might hear *scary* or *terrifying* in the recording.

- 1 You hear a woman telling a friend about a conversation she had with her parents.
How did her parents feel about her news?
A furious that she wouldn't complete her studies
B astonished that she hadn't consulted them
C pleased that she'd made a good decision
- 2 You hear a man talking about an activity holiday.
What opinion does he give of the holiday?
A It was more suitable for teenagers.
B The activities were too demanding for him.
C The teaching was disappointing.
- 3 You hear two people talking about a film.
How did they react to the ending?
A They found it frightening.
B It took them by surprise.
C They felt it was unclear.
- 4 You hear a couple talking about their hotel.
What are they slightly dissatisfied with?
A the type of breakfast
B the view from the room
C the lack of entertainment
- 5 You hear two friends talking about a football match.
How do they feel?
A concerned about the future
B astonished at the result
C upset at their team's performance
- 6 You hear a voicemail message.
What problem does the boy have?
A He's had all his money stolen.
B He needs a lift to the shop.
C He needs to borrow some money.
- 7 You hear two people talking about a new colleague.
What does the man say about her?
A She often misses deadlines.
B She sometimes loses her temper.
C She seems distracted.
- 8 You hear an actor talking about her work.
What does she find most difficult about it?
A doing publicity interviews
B wearing heavy make-up
C remembering her words