

Adjectives ending in -ed or -ing

Do you know the difference between *bored* and *boring*?

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

- I was really **bored** in that presentation.
- That presentation was a really **boring**.

-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.

What do the adjectives refer to? They refer to the emotion of the subject, so they refer to a PERSON.

-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**!

What do the adjectives refer to? They refer to a thing: film, someone singing, noise.

Practice it!

1. The show was amazing. I was .
2. The movie was boring. I was .
3. The football match was exciting. I was .
4. The math lesson was interesting. I was .
5. The new Harry Potter movie was disappointing. I was .
6. The ghost movie was frightening. I was .
7. My P.E. lesson was tiring. I was .
8. The roller coaster was thrilling. I was .
9. The English lesson was confusing. I was .
10. My holiday was relaxing. I was .

1. She's a big dog but you don't need to be **frightened / frightening**.
2. You look really **tiring / tired**. Why don't you go to bed?
3. Can I call you? I've got some very **excited / exciting** news for you!
4. My neighbour is always playing loud music. It's very **annoying / annoyed**.
5. The directions were **confused / confusing** and we got lost.
6. I was really **surprising / surprised** that I won the competition.
7. She didn't call about the car. I don't think she's **interested / interesting** in buying it.
8. My cats get really **frightened / frightening** when there's a thunderstorm.
9. His exam results were really **disappointed / disappointing**.
10. The instructions for my new coffee machine are really **confusing / confused**.