

26 Adjectives with -ed and -ing

Carlos and his grandfather are very excited.
They are watching an exciting football match on TV. They are pleased their team is winning.



1 Form

-ed (OUR FEELINGS)	-ing (THE THING THAT CAUSES OUR FEELINGS)
We're excited .	The film is exciting . It's an exciting film.
I'm bored .	The test is boring . It's a boring test.

2 -ed adjectives

We often use adjectives that end in *-ed* to say how people or animals feel:

Carlos and his grandfather are very excited.

There's nothing to do here – we're bored.

Tired children often behave badly.

3 -ing adjectives

We use adjectives that end in *-ing* to describe something that causes our feelings:

They are watching an exciting football match on TV. (the football match excites them)

The end of the film was very surprising. (the end of the film surprised me)

We've had a very tiring day. (the day made us tired)

We often use *-ing* adjectives to ask about something or to give an opinion:

Do you think English grammar is interesting?

Amanda's sister is really boring.



We don't use *-ing* adjectives to talk about how we feel:

~~*X I'm very interesting in sport.*~~

✓ I'm very interested in sport.

Practice

1 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics*.

ANNA How was the football match?
PEDRO Fantastic. It was really (0) *excited* / *exciting*. We won!
ANNA Really?
PEDRO You seem (1) *surprised* / *surprising*!
ANNA Well, yes. I am a bit. Anyway, I'm (2) *pleased* / *pleasing* you won.
PEDRO What about you? How was your day?
ANNA Oh, it was (3) *bored* / *boring*. I spent all day working on the new website.
PEDRO But yesterday you said it was (4) *interested* / *interesting*!
ANNA I know. But now I feel (5) *bored* / *boring* with it.
PEDRO Well, I'm quite (6) *tired* / *tiring* now, I don't feel like cooking.
Shall we order a pizza or something? And watch *Dracula* on TV?
ANNA Oh, no! I feel (7) *frightening* / *frightened* when I watch that kind of film.

2 Write adjectives from the box under the pictures.

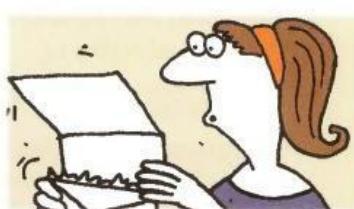
excited / exciting frightened / frightening pleased / pleasing surprised / surprising tired / tiring



0 He feels *tired*



1 They are



2 The letter has some news.



3 It was a very film.



4 The race was



5 She's

3 GRAMMAR IN USE There are three more mistakes in the email. Find and correct them.

