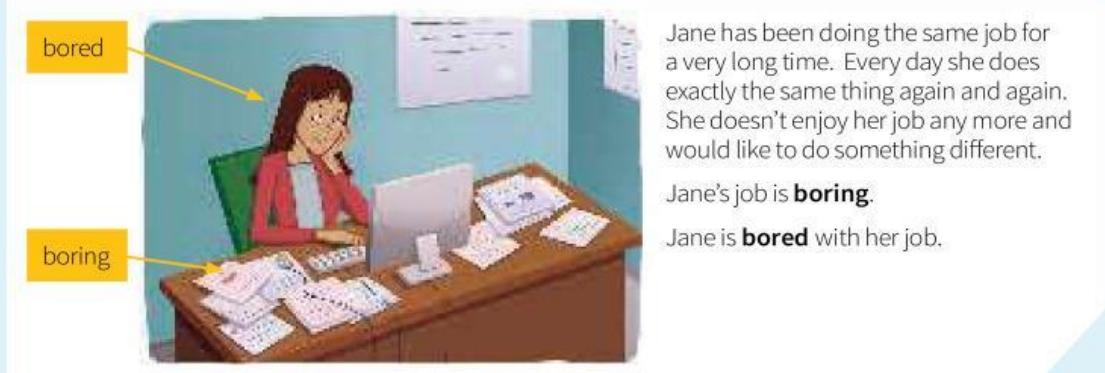


Adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed** (**boring/bored** etc.)**A**

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



Somebody is **bored** or gets **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**.  
If something is **boring**, you get **bored** with it.

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**:

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

**B**

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 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 better.

**shocked**

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

## Exercises

### 98.1 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's never been there before. (**excit...**)
  - 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 movie. I had expected it to be better. (disappointed is correct)
- 2 I'm not particularly interesting / interested in football.
- 3 The new project sounds exciting / excited. I'm looking forward to working on it.
- 4 It can be embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- 5 Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- 6 I'd never expected to get the job. I was amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- 7 She's learnt very fast. She's made amazing / amazed progress.
- 8 I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- 9 I'm interesting / interested in joining the club. How much does it cost?
- 10 It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- 11 Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- 12 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 You work very hard. It's not ..... that you're always tired.
- 2 Some people get ..... very easily. They always need something new.
- 3 The teacher's explanation was ..... Nobody understood it.
- 4 The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really .....
- 5 I don't go to art galleries very often. I'm not very ..... 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.