


**ADJECTIVES THAT END IN -ING**

Describe the **characteristic** of a person, a thing or a situation. It **CAUSES** a feeling.  
The books are **boring**. We are describing a characteristic of these books. What do these books cause? They make people feel **bored**.

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Describe a **feeling** or an **emotion**. It is how we **FEEL** about something.  
He is **bored**. This is his feeling right now. This feeling was caused by the books. He is not going to be bored for eternity. He feels **bored** for now. It is **temporary**.

**Example Sentences** (compare the difference)

I am **tired** right now. My flight was **tiring** (because it was a twelve-hour flight). Public toilets are sometimes **disgusting**. I am **disgusted** by the smell of them. Your speech was **inspiring**. I'm now **inspired** to do great things with my life.

Complete the gaps with the right adjective. Use the verbs in brackets. Follow the example.

0. Rosa doesn't notice anything when she's engrossed (engross) in a book.
1. We come home pretty exhausted (exhaust) at the end of each day.
2. Did you hear the shocking (shock) news about the accident?
3. It was not surprising (surprise) she failed her tests. She never studied.
4. I'm getting bored (bore) with this book. Nothing ever happens.
5. These instructions are pretty confusing (confuse). Can you help me?
6. I'm shocked (shock) that he could do something so stupid and dangerous.
7. I don't find sport at all interesting.
8. I was not amused (amuse) to be kept waiting so long.
9. Our new Maths teacher is very frightening (frighten). We sit there like mice!
10. It was very disappointing (disappoint) not to be selected for the basketball team.
11. His behaviour has been very puzzling (puzzle) in recent weeks.
12. She's got a big dog but you don't need to be frightened.
13. That shop never has any customers. I'm astonished (astonish) it's still there.
14. The battery on my phone only lasts about two hours. It's really irritating (irritate).

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15. You look pretty worried (worry). What's wrong?
16. The freelance was frozen in the face of the horrifying (horrify) image of the bombing.
17. There's nothing more exciting (excite) than riding on a rollercoaster.
18. Some of his comments were insulting.
19. My friend Peter thought that the marathon was challenging (challenge).
20. You must be relieved (relieve) now that your exams are finished.
21. The little boy was terrified (terrify) when he saw a big dog.
22. Patrick is always showing off what is really annoying.
23. That lamp produces a very pleasing (please) effect.
24. I had such a tiring (tire) day I went straight to bed.
25. No one knew what would happen next. We were all intrigued.
26. I walked into this restaurant and there was Andy with a strange woman. He seemed really embarrassed.
27. He's such a boring (bore) guy. He only ever talks about himself.
28. The whole school was saddened (sadden) by the tragic event.
29. His mother was disgusted (disgust) by what she found under his bed.
30. It's so frustrating (frustrate)! No matter how much I study I can't seem to remember this vocabulary.
31. That film was so depressing (depress)! There was no happy ending for any of the characters.
32. Don't show my baby photos to people, Mum! It's so embarrassing.
33. It's okay, it's only me. Don't be alarmed.
34. Maggie looks overwhelmed (overwhelm) with work at the moment.
35. Paul isn't very academic, but luckily he has encouraging (encourage) teachers.
36. There's been some very amazing (amaze) news recently.