Adjective endings



VERB	INSPIRES THIS FEELING	I FEEL THIS WAY
AMAZE	AMAZING	AMAZED
AMUSE	AMUSING	AMUSED
ANNOY	ANNOYING	ANNOYED
ASTONISH	ASTONISHING	ASTONISHED
BORE	BORING	BORED
CONFUSE	CONFUSING	CONFUSED
DEPRESS	DEPRESSING	DEPRESSED

-ed/-ing adjectives

-ed adjectives are used to describe how people feel.

- *We're tired. Can we stop running?*
- *I'm bored. Let's play cards.*
- *I was surprised to see her.*

-ing adjectives are used to talk about the things or people that produce those feelings.

- *Running is very tiring. We don't want to run.*
- *This film is very boring. Let's play cards.*
- *Her visit was very surprising. We weren't expecting her.*

1 Choose the correct adjective

1 Playing volleyball is fun, but it's **tired** / **tiring**.
2 This new computer game is **amazed** / **amazing**!
3 I was **astonished** / **astonishing** that we won the dance competition.
4 'I fell off my chair in the middle of a lesson.' 'How **embarrassed** / **embarrassing**!'
5 My grandma's stories are always **interested** / **interesting**.
6 I read a **shocked** / **shocking** report about smoking.
7 I wasn't **surprised** / **surprising** that he was late.
8 I was so **annoyed** / **annoying** about your comment!

2 Complete the text with the correct -ed or -ing adjective formed from the verbs in brackets.

A LONG WAY HOME

Saroo was born in Madhya Pradesh in India. His family were very poor, so when Saroo was just five, he and his brother Guddu found work on trains as cleaners. One day the boys went to work at a station 70 km from home. The job was very [1] _____ *(tire) for Saroo and he fell asleep at the station.*

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He was so [2] _____ (exhaust) that he slept for hours. When he woke up, Guddu was not there. Saroo was [3] _____ (shock) and [4] _____ (worry). He looked for his brother, but couldn't find him. It was a very [5] _____ (frighten) situation for a young child.

After two weeks, the police found Saroo, but he could not tell them where his home was – he was too [6] _____ (confuse) and he didn't know its name. In the end, the police decided he was officially lost and placed him with an adoption agency. An Australian family called Brierley took him to their home in Tasmania and he grew up with them.

As an adult, Saroo Brierley stayed in Australia, but he looked for his home town in India using the photos on Google Earth on his computer. It took months, but Saroo never got [7] _____ (bore) with looking. In the end, he found the town. He was [8] _____ (delight) and travelled there at once. When he saw his mother again for the first time in 25 years, it was a very [9] _____ (move) experience for both of them. Newspapers and TV stations became [10] _____ (interest) in Saroo's [11] _____ (astonish) story and Saroo himself wrote a book about it in 2012.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct -ed or -ing adjective formed from the verbs below.

confuse disgust excite frighten move

1 'This milk has got black bits in it.' 'How _____!'
2 We all cried at the end of the film – it was so _____!
3 I enjoyed the book, but I was _____ about the ending. It didn't make sense.
4 I love watching football, it's so _____!
5 I felt _____ because it was dark in the house and I was alone.

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