

Adjectives Ending in -ing or -ed

Adjectives ending in -ing:

Adjectives ending in -ing have an active meaning. They describe what someone or something causes. For example:

- **driving** hazards
- an **embarrassing** situation
- an **interesting** person

Adjectives ending in -ed:

Adjectives ending in -ed have a passive meaning. They describe the effect on a person or a thing and often what a person feels. For example:

- **populated** areas
- a **confused** child
- an **amused** audience

LET'S PRACTICE

A. Circle the correct form of the adjective to complete the sentences.

1. The lesson was **bored** / **boring**. The **boring** / **bored** students nearly fell asleep.
2. The trip was long and **exhausting** / **exhausted**. When I came home, I was so **exhausted** / **exhausting** that I went straight to bed.
3. The class was **exciting** / **excited** about the teacher's **exciting** / **excited** news.
4. Dan is **interesting** / **interested** in biology. In fact, he thinks that all sciences are **interesting** / **interested**.
5. The end of the story is really **surprised** / **surprising**. I was very **surprising** / **surprised** to read it.
6. We were **amazing** / **amazed** when we heard what she had to say. Her story was **amazing** / **amazed**.

B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective. Use the words in brackets.

1. People talking on their cell phones while watching a show are very _____. (annoy)
2. After listening to his long explanation, I felt _____. (confuse)
3. The lecture about the economic situation was very _____. (interest)
4. The movie was really _____. I was so _____ that I couldn't sleep. (terrify)
5. The show was really very _____. The audience was _____ and laughed the whole time. (amuse)
6. Many people feel _____ when they are asked _____ questions. (embarrass)
7. I was extremely _____ when I heard the _____ news about the innocent person who was mistakenly sent to jail. (shock)
8. The lectures have been so _____ that I feel _____ at the moment. (tire)