

-ed and -ing adjectives

Exercise 1

Choose the correct form.

1. This grammar lesson bores me. I am **bored / boring** because grammar is **bored/boring**.
2. English doesn't excite me. English is not **excited / exciting** so I am not **excited/exciting**.
3. My job is **tired / tiring**. I have to carry heavy boxes all day. When I get home from work, I'm **tired / tiring**. If there is an **interested / interesting** show on TV, I'll watch it. If not, I'll go to bed.
4. I'm taking an English course at university. It is difficult. Sometimes English grammar is **confused / confusing**. Yesterday, my teacher tried to explain participial adjectives. I was **confused / confusing**. I was **surprised/surprising** that everyone understood it but me.
5. I don't like people who speak loudly on their mobile phones. They are **annoyed / annoying**.
6. Sometimes it sounds like they are arguing. Maybe they are just **excited / exciting** about what they are talking about.
7. The instructions in the exam were very complicated and left the students feeling totally **confused / confusing**.
8. I don't think that horror films are **frightened / frightening** - in fact, I find them quite funny.
9. Would you be **interested / interesting** in coming to the theatre this evening? I have a spare ticket.
10. Can't you fix that dripping tap? It's getting on my nerves - it's really **irritated / irritating**.
11. I didn't expect to see Peter at the party. I was really **surprised / surprising** to see him there.
12. He's had a lot of bad news recently and is feeling a bit **depressed / depressing**. Let's go and cheer him up.
13. I find it **relaxed / relaxing** to lie on the sofa and listen to music after a hard day's work.
14. I was told the film was really good but I felt utterly **bored / boring** by it.
15. I get really **annoyed / annoying** when people throw rubbish down in the streets. It makes me furious.
16. If I said anything as stupid as he did in front of a thousand people, I'd feel really **embarrassed / embarrassing**.
17. The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really **disgusted / disgusting**.
18. I'm starting a new job next week. I'm quite **excited / exciting** about it.
19. The lecture was **bored / boring**. I fell asleep.
20. It's sometimes **embarrassed / embarrassing** when you have to ask people for money.
21. The nurse's needle was **frightened / frightening**, I felt **frightened / frightening** when she looked at me.
22. This morning my alarm clock wouldn't stop ringing. It has a very **annoyed / annoying** sound. When I hear it, I get **annoyed / annoying**.

23. I loved the book, but I thought the film was very **disappointed / disappointing**.
24. She is very **pleased / pleasing** with her exam results.
25. My young daughter is **terrified / terrifying** of dogs.
26. That lamp produces a very **pleased / pleasing** effect.
27. Life is so **frustrated / frustrating** sometimes.
28. The news was so **shocked / shocking** that she burst into tears.
29. The whole family was **saddened / saddening** by the loss of their dog.
30. She was **touched / touching** by the film. The ending was especially **touched / touching**.
31. **Terrified / Terrifying** at the thought of his first day at school, Jan began to cry.
32. As **comforted / comforting** as it is to be with your friends, everyone needs to spend some time alone.
33. How to get the cheese was **confused / confusing**. The result was a very **confused / confusing** mouse. (confusing, confused)
34. Cheer up. Don't feel so **depressed / depressing**. It will soon be Friday.
35. I don't understand how it is possible. I'm very **surprised / surprising**.
36. I heard some very **interested / interesting** gossip during my coffee break.
37. I heard a very **amused / amusing** story. It will put a smile on your face.
38. It's not **surprised / surprising** that you failed your driving test. You drive like a lunatic!
39. The Liverpool game has been postponed. I'm really **disappointed / disappointing**. I was really looking forward to watching it.
40. Their performance in the second half was very **disappointed / disappointing**. They played much worse than in the first half.