

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

A

There are many adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed**, for example: **boring** and **bored**. Study this example situation:



Jane has been doing the same job for a very long time. Every day she does exactly the same thing again and again. She doesn't enjoy her job any more and would like to do something different.

Jane's job is **boring**.

Jane is **bored** (with her job).

Somebody is **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**. Or, if something is **boring**, it makes you **bored**. 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**:

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

B

Compare adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed**:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> My job is | { | boring.
interesting.
tiring.
satisfying.
depressing. etc. |
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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 film was **disappointing**.
We expected it to be much 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 film.
We expected it to be much better.

shocked

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

98.1 Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word in brackets + -ing or -ed.

- 1 The film wasn't as good as we had expected. (disappoint...)
 a The film was disappointing.
 b We were disappointed with the film.
- 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 has never been there before. (excite...)
 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 film. I had expected it to be better.
 (disappointed is correct)
- 2 Are you interesting / interested in football?
- 3 The football match was very exciting / excited. I enjoyed it.
- 4 It's sometimes embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- 5 Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- 6 I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- 7 She has really learnt very fast. She has made astonishing / astonished progress.
- 8 I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- 9 It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Afterwards everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- 10 Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- 11 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 He works very hard. It's not surprising that he's always tired.
- 2 I've got nothing to do. I'm
- 3 The teacher's explanation was Most of the students didn't understand it.
- 4 The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really
- 5 I seldom visit art galleries. I'm not particularly 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 very good at telling funny stories. He can be very
- 11 Liz is a very person. She knows a lot, she's travelled a lot and she's done lots of different things.