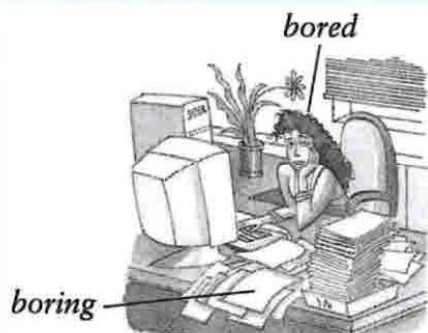


## Adjectives Ending in *-ing* and *-ed* (*boring/bored*, etc.)

A

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



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 like it anymore and wants 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*:

- My job is 

{	<i>boring.</i>
	<i>interesting.</i>
	<i>tiring.</i>
	<i>satisfying.</i>
	<i>depressing. (etc.)</i>

The *-ing* adjective tells you about the job.

- I'm *bored* with my job.
- I'm *not interested* in my job anymore.
- I'm *always tired* when I get home after work.
- I'm *not satisfied* with my job.
- My job makes me *depressed*. (etc.)

The *-ed* adjective tells you how somebody feels (about the job).

Compare these examples:

**interesting**

- Julia thinks politics is very *interesting*.
- Did you meet anyone *interesting* at the party?

**surprising**

- It was quite *surprising* that he passed the exam.

**disappointing**

- The movie was *disappointing*. We expected it to be much better.

**shocking**

- The news was *shocking*.

**interested**

- Julia is very *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* in the movie. We expected it to be much better.

**shocked**

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

# Exercises

95.1 Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word in parentheses + *-ing* or *-ed*.

- The movie wasn't as good as we had expected. (disappoint-)
  - The movie was *disappointing*.
  - We were *disappointed* in the film.
- Diana teaches young children. It's a very hard job, but she enjoys it. (exhaust-)
  - She enjoys her job, but it's often \_\_\_\_\_.
  - At the end of a day's work, she is often \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's been raining all day. I hate this weather. (depress-)
  - This weather is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - This weather makes me \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It's silly to get \_\_\_\_\_ because of the weather.
- Claire is going to Mexico next month. She has never been there before. (excite-)
  - It will be an \_\_\_\_\_ experience for her.
  - Going to new places is always \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She is really \_\_\_\_\_ about going to Mexico.

95.2 Choose the correct word.

- I was disappointing / disappointed in the movie. I had expected it to be better. (*disappointed* is correct)
- Are you interesting / interested in soccer?
- The soccer game was quite exciting / excited. I had a great time.
- It's sometimes embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- Do you get embarrassing / embarrassed easily?
- I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when it was offered to me.
- She has learned really fast. She has made astonishing / astonished progress.
- I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- He's one of the most boring / bored people I've ever met. He never stops talking and he never says anything interesting / interested.

95.3 Complete the sentences by choosing a word from the box.

amusing / amused	confusing / confused	exhausting / exhausted
annoying / annoyed	disgusting / disgusted	interesting / interested
boring / bored	exciting / excited	surprising / surprised

- He works very hard. It's not surprising that he's always tired.
- I don't have anything to do. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- The teacher's explanation was \_\_\_\_\_. Most of the students didn't understand it.
- The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really \_\_\_\_\_.
- You don't have to get \_\_\_\_\_ just because I'm a few minutes late.
- The lecture was \_\_\_\_\_. I fell asleep.
- I asked Emily if she wanted to go out with us, but she wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- I've been working very hard all day, and now I'm \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm starting a new job next week. I'm very \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
- Tom is good at telling funny stories. He can be very \_\_\_\_\_.
- Liz is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. She knows a lot, she's traveled a lot, and she's done lots of different things.