

bored ^{S3}

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adjective

BORING tired and impatient because you do not think something is interesting, or because you have nothing to do:

He was easily bored.

*After a while, I **got bored** and left.*

bored with

Are you bored with your present job?

bored stiff/to tears/to death/out of your mind (= extremely bored)

⚠ Do not confuse **bored**, which describes a feeling, and **boring**, which describes someone or something that makes you feel bored: *bored students* | *a boring job*

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

get bored *I get bored if I'm at home on my own all day.*

grow bored (written) *She grew bored and started gazing out of the window.*

look/sound/feel bored *Some of the students were starting to look bored.*

adverbs

easily bored *Teenagers are easily bored in the holidays.*

phrases

be bored to tears/to death (= extremely bored) *Rob was bored to tears trailing around the shops.*

be bored stiff/silly/rigid (= extremely bored) *Patti was bored stiff with small-town Massachusetts life.*

be bored out of your mind (= extremely bored) *In some of the lessons, I was bored out of my mind.*

THESAURUS

bored feeling that you are not interested in something or that you have nothing interesting to do: *Julia soon got bored with lying on the beach. | I'm bored. Can we go home now?*

fed up [not before noun] **(informal)** feeling very bored and annoyed or unhappy - used especially when something has continued for too long, and you do not want it to continue any longer: *He got fed up with his old job and decided to start looking for a new one. | I'm fed up with listening to you complain! | You sound a bit fed up. Is everything alright?*

be tired of somebody/ something (*also* **be sick of somebody/ something**) to feel very annoyed and bored with something that has continued for too long. **Be sick of somebody/ something** sounds stronger and more annoyed than **be tired of somebody/ something**: *People are tired of hearing politicians make promises that they never keep. | Do it yourself – I'm sick of cleaning up after you!*

have had enough **(informal)** to be so bored with something that has continued for a long time that you decide to leave, do something different, or change the situation: *She put up with him for ten years before she finally decided that she had had enough. | I've had enough of all this moaning! Can we try and be more positive?*