**Lesson 3: Adjective – ‘ed-ending’ VS ‘ing-ending’**

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| **-ed adjectives** | **-ing adjectives** |
| Adjectives that end **‘-ed’** describe feeling – they tell us how people feel about something. | Adjectives that end **‘-ing’** describe the thing that causes the feeling – a **boring** lesson makes you feel bored. |
| **Examples:**     1. *I was very* ***bored*** *in the maths lesson. I almost fell asleep.* 2. *He was* ***surprised*** *to see Helen. She’d told him she was going to Australia.* 3. *Feeling* ***tired*** *and* ***depressed****, he went to bed.* | **Examples:**   1. *Have you seen that film? It’s absolutely* ***terrifying****.* 2. *I could listen to him for hours. He’s one of the most* ***interesting*** *people I’ve ever met.* 3. *I can’t eat this! It’s* ***disgusting****! What is it?* |
| **Note**:  Remember that people can be boring but only if they make other people feel bored.  Example: He talks about the weather for hours. He’s so **boring**.  NOT ~~I was very~~ **~~boring~~** ~~at the party, so I went home~~.  Adjectives can be after the verbs: be, become, feel, get, grow, look, seem, turn, keep, stay, remain, find, ... | |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct adjective in each sentence.*

1. You look really (tired/tiring). Why don't you go to bed?
2. Sit down - I've got some very (excited/exciting) news for you.
3. He's got a very (annoyed/annoying) habit of always interrupting people.
4. I'm very (disappointed/disappointing) by your behaviour.
5. Kids! You're (disgusted/disgusting)! Don't talk with your mouths full!
6. I didn’t enjoy the party. It was very (bored/boring).
7. The ghost story was very (frightened/frightening).
8. I was (shocked/shocking) by what she told me.
9. Your holiday in South America sounds very (excited/exciting).

10. It was very (depressed/depressing) to hear about your problems.

**Instruction 2:** *Choose the adjectives from the box to complete the gaps.*

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| disappointing | frustrated | disgusting | amusing | embarrassed |
| surprising | surprised | interesting | exhausted | bored |

1. I will be surprised if Sreymao does well in her test.
2. After Sreymao failed her test, her classmates laughed at her, so she felt very embarrassed
3. We didn’t like the food because it was disgusting.
4. Their exam results are very disappointing.
5. Dara looks exhausted because he has been working all day.
6. It is not surprising that she failed her tests because she never studied hard.
7. Cambodia national team players were very frustrated after they lost heavily to Vietnam.
8. I often feel bored after I listen to classical music.
9. Darong is a very interesting trainer. I have enjoyed studying with him so much.
10. His joke was not amusing No one laughed.

**Instruction 3:** *Circle the correct word.*

RAMON Wow! This is really (**1**) interested / interesting.

ALEX I don’t think so. I’m (**2**) bored / boring.

EMMA Come on you two! Let’s go and see the fish.

RAMON Fish?

EMMA Yes, fish. There are some really (**3**) surprised / surprising ones.

RAMON How can a fish be (**4**) surprised / surprising?

EMMA Trust me! You’ll find it absolutely (**5**) fascinated / fascinating.

*[A little later]*

RAMON That was (**6**) amazed / amazing.

ALEX Yes, it was. I was (**7**) fascinated / fascinating by all the different colours and shapes.

RAMON I want to go look at the dinosaurs.

ALEX Yes, that will be (**8**) excited / exciting.

EMMA You guys go. I’m going to have a drink in the café. I’m really (**9**) tired / tiring.

ALEX OK. See you later.

**Instruction:** *Complete the gaps with* ***adjectives with –ed / –ing****.*

1. I thought the negative attitude of the media was disappointing (disappoint).
2. My sister was terribly disappointed (disappoint) that she couldn't go to the concert.
3. I find writing the letter very ­­­­ annoying (annoy).
4. Pop music can be a bit superficial sometimes but I think it's really entertaining (entertain).
5. I’m fascinated (fascinate) by jazz. The rhythm and the harmonies are so different!
6. The musicians feel a bit disappointed (disappoint) because they didn't sell many copies of their CD.
7. Classical music is a lot more challenged (challenge) than pop music.
8. A world tour can sometimes last 9 months. It must be exhausting (exhaust).
9. I found the first part of the concert quite long and bored (bore).
10. My mother was shocking (shock) when she heard the bad news.
11. Some people feel depressed (depress) when it is cold and rainy.
12. John is a bit confused (confuse) and he doesn’t know what to do.
13. Touching a snake must be a frightening (frighten) experience.
14. It was very embarrassed (embarrass) for him when they publish that photo.
15. The wedding reception was amazed (amaze).
16. It is shocking (shock) that the prices are going up so highly.
17. I found standing for eight hours very tired (tire).
18. The opera season promises to be interested (interest).
19. I was surprised (surprise) to find my grandmother out of bed.
20. Listening to our favourite music is quite relaxing (relax)