**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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if Sreymao does well in her test.
2. After Sreymao failed her test, her classmates laughed at her, so she felt very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. We didn’t like the food because it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Their exam results are very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Dara looks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he has been working all day.
6. It is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she failed her tests because she never studied hard.
7. Cambodia national team players were very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after they lost heavily to Vietnam.
8. I often feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after I listen to classical music.
9. Darong is a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trainer. I have enjoyed studying with him so much.
10. His joke was not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (entertain).
5. I’m \_\_fascinating\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_challenging\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_depressing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (depress) when it is cold and rainy.
12. John is a bit \_confusing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (confuse) and he doesn’t know what to do.
13. Touching a snake must be a \_\_\_frightened\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (frighten) experience.
14. It was very \_embarrassing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (embarrass) for him when they publish that photo.
15. The wedding reception was \_\_amazing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (amaze).
16. It is \_shocked\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_surprising\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (surprise) to find my grandmother out of bed.
20. Listening to our favourite music is quite \_\_relaxing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (relax)