

22 Adjectives ending in -ed pronounced /-ɪd/

Activity A

The ending -ed is pronounced /-ɪd/ in a small number of adjectives.

Choose an adjective from the box to fit each definition.

aged beloved crooked dogged learned
naked ragged rugged sacred wicked

- 1 showing determination; not giving up easily _____
- 2 having a lot of knowledge because you have studied and read a lot _____
- 3 old _____
- 4 not level or smooth and having rocks rather than plants or trees _____
- 5 bent or twisted _____
- 6 loved very much _____
- 7 old and torn _____
- 8 not wearing any clothes _____
- 9 considered to be holy _____
- 10 morally bad _____

Activity B

Complete each sentence with one of the adjectives in A.

- 1 The young people have left the island, leaving a relatively _____ population.
- 2 One of my front teeth is _____; maybe one day I'll have it straightened.
- 3 It was an extremely _____ audience consisting of university professors and leading researchers.
- 4 The countryside is quite _____, so we'll be scrambling up some rocks.
- 5 He was dressed in _____ clothes and extremely thin after living on the streets for years.
- 6 That was a really _____ thing that he did—he deserves to go to prison for years.
- 7 His portraits of _____ women were considered shocking at the time.
- 8 He's not a great language learner, so I admire his _____ persistence in learning Spanish.
- 9 The cow is considered _____ by Hindus, and so they don't eat beef.
- 10 He is never apart from his _____ dog, Rusty.

Activity C

Two syllables or one? Which of these sentences contain the adjective ending in /ɪd/?

- 1 This is a photograph of William, aged ten.
- 2 The children were sent to stay with an aged aunt.
- 3 They learned Latin and Greek for six years.
- 4 Their tutor was a learned man.
- 5 He pursued his aim with dogged determination.
- 6 Misfortune dogged the expedition from the start.