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Adjectives -ing and -ed

PRESENTATION a Adjectives ending in -ed

Adjectives ending in **-ed** tell you how someone feels:

Mr Kennedy is **interested in** photography.

(= Mr Kennedy likes photography. He wants to learn more about it.)

Here are some pairs of adjectives with similar meanings. The second adjective in each pair is stronger:

annoyed – infuriated	excited – thrilled	surprised – amazed
confused – bewildered	frightened – terrified	tired – exhausted
disappointed – depressed	interested – fascinated	uninterested – bored

b Adjectives ending in -ing

Adjectives ending in **-ing** tell you how something makes you feel. They tell you about the effect something has on people:

Laura arrived home after a **tiring** journey.

(= It was a long journey. It made her feel tired.)

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confusing – bewildering	frightening – terrifying	tiring – exhausting
disappointing – depressing	interesting – fascinating	uninteresting – boring

c -ed or -ing?

Adjectives ending in **-ing** tell us what something is like.

Adjectives ending in **-ed** describe the result or effect:

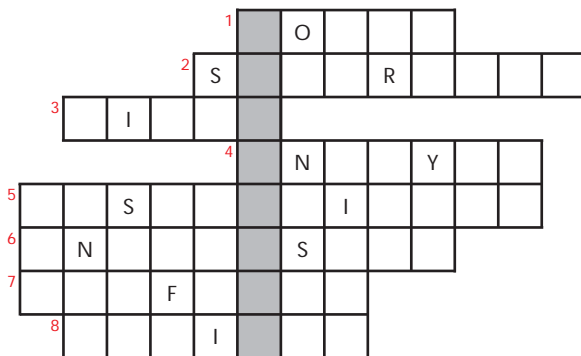
Friedrich's presentation was **boring**. Everyone was **bored**.



PRACTICE

1 Adjectives ending in -ed

Complete the puzzle with the missing words. Find the key word which is a capital city.



- 1 He did the same job every day for twenty years, so he was
- 2 I was to see Hans in London. I thought he was in Geneva.
- 3 After her long day's work, Amy was very
- 4 I was because he cancelled the meeting and didn't tell me.
- 5 I was that we didn't meet our sales target last month. Maybe this month will be better.
- 6 I am in the news, so I buy a paper every day.
- 7 Peter says it costs \$12. David says it costs \$22. Ken says it costs \$9. I am !
- 8 The sales team is very about the new car – it will sell really well.

The key word is:

2 Adjectives ending in *-ing*

Put the letters in brackets in the right order and complete the sentences.

- 1 I enjoy travelling, but long flights are *tiring* (giinrt).
- 2 It is very _ o _ _ _ _ (bginor) to do the same job day after day.
- 3 That is very _ n _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (geeinnrstt) news – tell me more.
- 4 The Paris Metro is easy to understand, but the London Underground is very _ _ _ _ f _ _ _ _ _ (cfginnosu).
- 5 It is _ _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (gadiioinnppst) that we didn't get the contract, but we can try again next year.
- 6 'RobotKill' is an _ _ c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (cegiintx) computer game that teenagers will love.
- 7 The new program is OK, but it has a few _ _ _ _ o _ _ _ _ _ (gainnnoy) little problems.
- 8 I never watch horror movies. I don't like _ _ _ _ g _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (efgghiinnrt) films.

3 *-ed* or *-ing*?

Complete the true story about Bruce Dickinson with the *-ed* or *-ing* form of the words in brackets.

If you travelled on the airline Astraeus, you might be ¹ *amazed* (amaze) to hear that your pilot was the famous rock star Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden. Most people would be ² _____ (thrill) to be a successful rock star, but Bruce wanted to do something different.

A few years ago, he began to find the lifestyle ³ _____ (exhaust). He was always ⁴ _____ (fascinate) by planes, and so he started training as a pilot.

Now he does both jobs, and flies Boeing 747s as a second career. If he ever begins to find airports ⁵ _____ (bore), he can always change clothes, pick up a guitar, and give an ⁶ _____ (excite) concert.



OVER TO YOU

Write sentences about yourself or your colleagues with the words below.

- 1 annoyed *I was annoyed when I didn't get a bonus last year.*
- 2 surprised
- 3 tired
- 4 confused
- 5 excited
- 6 interesting

Write sentences about how these things make you feel.

- 7 your work
- 8 your journey to work
- 9 learning English
- 10 travelling on business