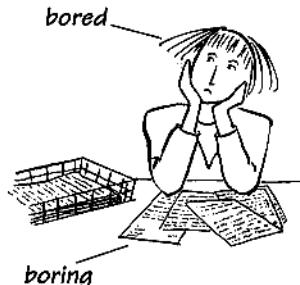


# Adjectives ending in -ing and -ed (boring/bored etc.)

A

There are many adjectives ending in -ing and -ed. For example, **boring** and **bored**. Study this example situation:



Jane has been doing the same job for a very long time. Every day she does exactly the same thing again and again. She doesn't enjoy it any more and would like to do something different.

Jane's job is **boring**.

Jane is **bored** (with her job).

Somebody is **bored** if something (or somebody else) is **boring**. Or, if something is **boring**, it makes you **bored**. So:

- Jane is **bored** because her job is **boring**.
- Jane's job is **boring**, so Jane is **bored**. (*not 'Jane is boring'*)

If a *person* is **boring**, this means that they make other people **bored**:

- George always talks about the same things. He's really **boring**.

B

Compare adjectives ending in -ing and -ed:

You can say:

- My job is 
boring.
interesting.
tiring.
satisfying.
depressing. (etc.)

The -ing adjective tells you about the job.

You can say:

- I'm **bored** with my job.
- I'm not **interested** in my job any more.
- I'm always **tired** when I finish work.
- I'm not **satisfied** with my job.
- My job makes me **depressed**. (etc.)

The -ed adjective tells you how somebody feels (about the job).

Compare these examples:

**interesting**

- Julia thinks politics is very **interesting**.
- Did you meet anyone **interesting** at the party?

**surprising**

- It was quite **surprising** that he passed the examination.

**disappointing**

- The film was **disappointing**. I expected it to be much better.

**shocking**

- The news was **shocking**.

**interested**

- Julia is very **interested** in politics. (*not 'interesting in politics'*)
- Are you **interested** in buying a car? I'm trying to sell mine.

**surprised**

- Everybody was **surprised** that he passed the examination.

**disappointed**

- I was **disappointed** with the film. I expected it to be much better.

**shocked**

- We were very **shocked** when we heard the news.

**EXERCISES**

7.1 Complete the sentences for each situation. Use the word given + the ending -ing or -ed.

- 1 The film wasn't as good as we had expected. (**disappoint-**)
  - a The film was ...disappointing...
  - b We were ...disappointed... with the film.
- 2 Diana teaches young children. It's a very hard job but she enjoys it. (**exhaust-**)
  - a She enjoys her job but it's often .....
  - b At the end of a day's work, she is often .....
- 3 It's been raining all day. I hate this weather. (**depress-**)
  - a This weather is .....
  - b This weather makes me .....
  - c It's silly to get ..... because of the weather.
- 4 Clare is going to the United States next month. She has never been there before. (**excit-**)
  - a It will be an ..... experience for her.
  - b Going to new places is always .....
  - c She is really ..... about going to the United States.

7.2 Choose the correct word.

- 1 I was disappointing / disappointed with the film. I had expected it to be better.
- 2 Are you interesting / interested in football?
- 3 The football match was quite exciting / excited. I enjoyed it.
- 4 It's sometimes embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- 5 Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- 6 I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- 7 She has really learnt very fast. She has made astonishing / astonished progress.
- 8 I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- 9 It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Afterwards everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- 10 Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- 11 He's one of the most boring / bored people I've ever met. He never stops talking and he never says anything interesting / interested.

7.3 Complete the sentences using one of the words in the box.

amusing / amused	confusing / confused	exhausting / exhausted
annoying / annoyed	disgusting / disgusted	interesting / interested
boring / bored	exciting / excited	surprising / surprised

- 1 He works very hard. It's not ...surprising... that he's always tired.
- 2 I've got nothing to do. I'm .....
- 3 The teacher's explanation was ..... Most of the students didn't understand it.
- 4 The kitchen hadn't been cleaned for ages. It was really .....
- 5 I seldom visit art galleries. I'm not particularly ..... in art.
- 6 There's no need to get ..... just because I'm a few minutes late.
- 7 The lecture was ..... I fell asleep.
- 8 I asked Emily if she wanted to come out with us but she wasn't .....
- 9 I've been working very hard all day and now I'm .....
- 10 I'm starting a new job next week. I'm quite ..... about it.
- 11 Tom is very good at telling funny stories. He can be very .....
- 12 Liz is a very ..... person. She knows a lot, she's travelled a lot and she's done lots of different things.

## 96.3

3 living  
4 offering  
5 called  
6 blown  
7 sitting ... reading  
8 working ... studying

## 96.4

3 There's somebody coming.  
4 There were a lot of people travelling.  
5 There was nobody else staying there.  
6 There was nothing written on it.  
7 There's a course beginning next Monday.

## UNIT 97

## 97.1

2 a exhausting  
b exhausted  
3 a depressing  
b depressed  
c depressed  
4 a exciting  
b exciting  
c excited

## 97.2

2 interested  
3 exciting  
4 embarrassing  
5 embarrassed  
6 amazed  
7 astonishing  
8 amused  
9 terrifying ... shocked  
10 bored ... boring  
11 boring ... interesting

## 97.3

2 bored 8 interested  
3 confusing 9 exhausted  
4 disgusting 10 excited  
5 interested 11 amusing  
6 annoyed 12 interesting  
7 boring

## UNIT 98

## 98.1

2 an unusual gold ring  
3 a nice new pullover  
4 a new green pullover  
5 a beautiful old house  
6 black leather gloves  
7 an old American film  
8 a long thin face  
9 big black clouds  
10 a lovely sunny day  
11 a long wide avenue

12 a small black metal box

13 a big fat black cat  
14 a lovely little old village  
15 beautiful long black hair  
16 an interesting old French painting  
17 an enormous red and yellow umbrella

## 98.2

3 the last two days  
4 the first two weeks of September  
5 the next few days  
6 the first three questions (of the examination)  
7 the next two years  
8 the last three days of our holiday

## 98.3

2 tastes awful or tasted awful  
3 feel fine  
4 smell nice  
5 look wet  
6 sounds quite interesting or sounded quite interesting

## 98.4

2 happy 5 terrible  
3 happily 6 properly  
4 violent

## UNIT 99

## 99.1

2 badly 5 unexpectedly  
3 easily 6 regularly  
4 patiently

## 99.2

3 selfishly 8 badly  
4 terribly 9 badly  
5 suddenly 10 safe  
6 colourfully 11 angrily  
7 colourful

## 99.3

2 careful  
3 continuously  
4 happily  
5 fluent  
6 specially  
7 complete  
8 perfectly  
9 nervous  
10 financially / completely

## 99.4

2 seriously ill  
3 absolutely enormous  
4 slightly damaged  
5 unusually quiet  
6 completely changed  
7 unnecessarily long  
8 badly planned

## UNIT 100

## 100.1

2 good 6 well 9 well  
3 well 7 well 10 good  
4 good 8 good 11 well

## 100.2

2 well-known  
3 well-kept  
4 well-balanced  
5 well-informed  
6 well-dressed  
7 well-paid  
8 Well done! (2 separate words)

## 100.3

2 right  
3 right  
4 wrong - hard  
5 right  
6 wrong - slowly

## 100.4

2 hardly hear  
3 hardly slept  
4 hardly speak  
5 hardly said  
6 hardly changed  
7 hardly recognised

## 100.5

2 hardly any  
3 hardly anything  
4 hardly anybody / hardly anyone  
5 hardly ever  
6 Hardly anybody / Hardly anyone  
7 hardly anywhere  
8 hardly ever  
9 hardly any  
10 hardly anything ... hardly anywhere

## UNIT 101

## 101.1

4 so 10 such a  
5 so 11 so  
6 such a 12 so ... such  
7 so 13 so  
8 such 14 such a  
9 such a 15 such a

## 101.2

3 I was so tired (that) I couldn't keep my eyes open.  
4 We had such a good time on holiday (that) we didn't want to come home.  
5 She speaks English so well (that) you would think it was her native language. or She speaks such good English (that)...