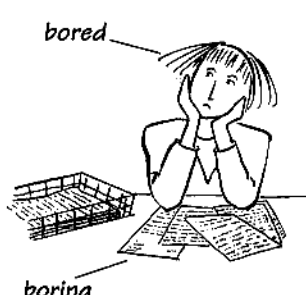


Adjectives ending in **-ing** and **-ed** (boring/bored etc.)

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**:

<p>You can say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My job is { <ul style="list-style-type: none"> boring. interesting. tiring. satisfying. depressing. (etc.) <p>The -ing adjective tells you about the job.</p> <p>Compare these examples:</p> <p>interesting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia thinks politics is very interesting. • Did you meet anyone interesting at the party? <p>surprising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was quite surprising that he passed the examination. <p>disappointing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The film was disappointing. I expected it to be much better. <p>shocking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The news was shocking. 	<p>You can say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.) <p>The -ed adjective tells you how somebody feels (about the job).</p> <p>interested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia is very interested in politics. (<i>not</i> 'interesting in politics') • Are you interested in buying a car? I'm trying to sell mine. <p>surprised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everybody was surprised that he passed the examination. <p>disappointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I was disappointed with the film. I expected it to be much better. <p>shocked</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were very shocked when we heard the news.
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EXERCISES

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

- The film wasn't as good as we had expected. (disappoint-)
 a The film was disappointing.
 b We were disappointed with the film.
- 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
- 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.
- Clare is going to the United States next month. She has never been there before. (excite-)
 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.

- I was disappointing / disappointed with the film. I had expected it to be better.
- Are you interesting / interested in football?
- The football match was quite exciting / excited. I enjoyed it.
- It's sometimes embarrassing / embarrassed when you have to ask people for money.
- Do you easily get embarrassing / embarrassed?
- I had never expected to get the job. I was really amazing / amazed when I was offered it.
- She has really learnt very fast. She has made astonishing / astonished progress.
- I didn't find the situation funny. I was not amusing / amused.
- It was a really terrifying / terrified experience. Afterwards everybody was very shocking / shocked.
- Why do you always look so boring / bored? Is your life really so boring / bored?
- 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

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

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
- 3 happily
- 4 violent
- 5 terrible
- 6 properly

UNIT 99**99.1**

- 2 badly
- 3 easily
- 4 patiently
- 5 unexpectedly
- 6 regularly

99.2

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

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
- 3 well
- 4 good
- 5 well
- 6 well
- 7 well
- 8 good
- 9 well
- 10 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
- 5 so
- 6 such a
- 7 so
- 8 such
- 9 such a
- 10 such a
- 11 so
- 12 so ... such
- 13 so
- 14 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)...