

8<sub>e</sub>**-ed and -ing adjectives****-ed adjectives**

Adjectives ending *-ed* have the same form as past participles. The *-ed* adjective tells us how a person feels:

The **worried** parents waited anxiously for news.  
It's difficult to teach a classroom of **bored** students.

- These adjectives do not end in *-ed* if the past participle is irregular:  
She died of a **broken** heart.

**-ing adjectives**

Adjectives ending *-ing* have the same form as the present participle. The *-ing* adjective tells us about the effect that something or someone has on our feelings:

It was a **disappointing** film.  
That was a **satisfying** meal.  
You're a **boring** teacher.  
The journey was **exciting**.  
My job is **exhausting**.

- Here are some common *-ed* / *-ing* adjectives. Look up those you are not sure of in a dictionary:

<b>amused/amusing</b>	<b>excited/exciting</b>
<b>annoyed/annoying</b>	<b>fascinated/fascinating</b>
<b>bored/boring</b>	<b>frightened/frightening</b>
<b>confused/confusing</b>	<b>interested/interesting</b>
<b>disappointed/disappointing</b>	<b>irritated/irritating</b>
<b>disgusted/disgusting</b>	<b>satisfied/satisfying</b>
<b>embarrassed/embarrassing</b>	<b>surprised/surprising</b>
<b>encouraged/encouraging</b>	<b>terrified/terrifying</b>
	<b>tired/tiring</b>

- There are many *-ed* / *-ing* adjectives which are not connected with feelings. These can usually replace a clause meaning 'noun which is ...' Here are some examples:

a **sliding** door    **melting** ice    a **sunken** ship  
a **moving** part    a **soaring** bird    **burning** heat  
a **broken** vase    a **locked** door    a **fallen** tree

**Practice**

- 1 Underline the correct *-ed* or *-ing* adjectives in the following text.

## SCHOOL REPORT SHOCKS PARENTS

Teachers are finding it increasingly difficult to control classes of young pupils, says a report published yesterday. The evidence from the 100 schools which were involved in the study is not *encouraged* / *encouraging* (1). The report paints a *depressing* / *depressed* (2) picture of schools up and down the country, with teachers feeling *disappointed* / *disappointing* (3) not only by students' results in tests but by the *worrying* / *worried* (4) increase in violent behaviour in class and in the playground.

'I am worn out at the end of the day; my job is *exhausted* / *exhausting* (5), I can tell you,' complained one teacher. One of the most *disturbed* / *disturbing* (6) revelations is the use of drugs by youngsters. Although teachers were not totally *surprised* / *surprising* (7) by the findings, parents are *worried* / *worrying* (8); some even described the report as *shocked* / *shocking* (9) and demanded immediate action. Pupils who were asked to comment on the report said they found school *uninterested* / *uninteresting* (10); they blamed teachers for teaching *boring* / *bored* (11) lessons. The report is particularly *embarrassed* / *embarrassing* (12) for the Minister of Education who claimed recently that British education is 'the best in the world'.

**2 Complete the following sentences with the correct *-ed* or *-ing* adjective, using the verbs in the list.**

*interest relax surprise confuse bore annoy embarrass frighten depress irritate*

- 1 The instructions in the exam were very complicated and left the students feeling totally .....
- 2 I don't find horror films at all ..... – in fact, I find them quite funny.
- 3 Would you be ..... in coming to the theatre this evening? I have a spare ticket.
- 4 Can't you fix that dripping tap? It's getting on my nerves – it's really .....
- 5 I didn't expect to see Peter at the party. I was really ..... to see him there.
- 6 He's had a lot of bad news recently and is feeling a bit ..... . Let's go and cheer him up.
- 7 I find it ..... to lie on the sofa and listen to music after a hard day's work.
- 8 I was told the film was really good but I felt utterly ..... by it.
- 9 I get really ..... when people throw rubbish down in the streets. It makes me furious.
- 10 If I said anything as stupid as he did in front of a thousand people, I'd feel really .....

**3 Answer the following questions using *-ed* or *-ing* adjectives. Write about your own ideas.**

- 1 What do you think about the destruction of the rain forests?  
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- 2 How would you feel if you climbed Mount Everest?  
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- 3 If you failed the exam, how would you feel?  
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- 4 What do you think of people who drop litter?  
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- 5 What do your parents think of your friends?  
.....
- 6 If you were flying to New York tomorrow, how would you feel?  
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- 7 Whenever you see a beggar, how do you feel?  
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- 8 What do you think of sport on television?  
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- 9 When the bus or train is late, how do you feel?  
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- 10 How would you feel if someone found you cheating?  
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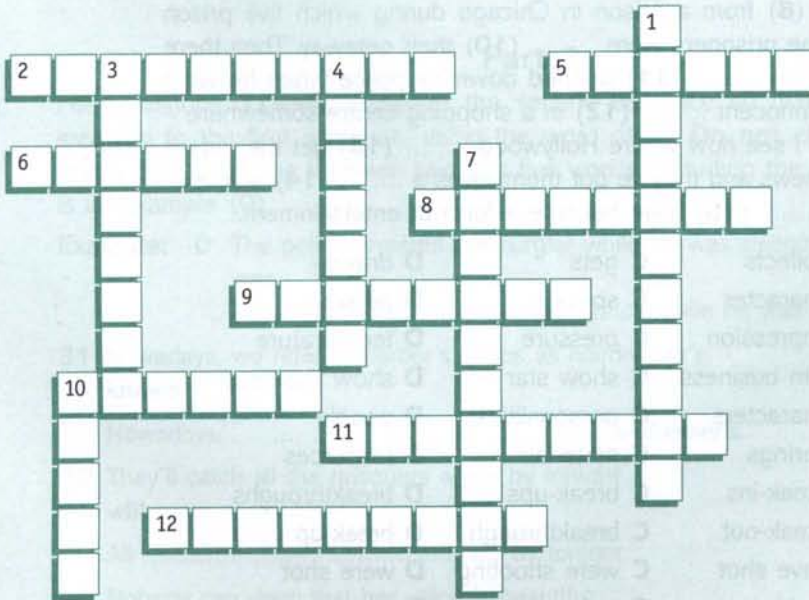
**4** Complete the following sentences using an appropriate *-ed* or *-ing* adjective. Write about your own feelings.

Example: I find science fiction stories *very interesting*.

- 1 I find computers such ..... machines.
- 2 People who like computer games are really .....
- 3 The thought of going to the moon is .....
- 4 It's easier to teach ..... students.
- 5 I wouldn't be ..... if the economy collapsed.
- 6 I find lying on the beach on a hot summer's day .....
- 7 I agree that television is .....
- 8 Football couldn't be more .....

**5** Complete the crossword using an *-ed* or *-ing* adjective. Use the verbs in the list to help you.

*arm heat build interest humiliate amuse collect touch age captivate  
freeze reward trust*



**Across**

- 2 I hear you want to buy a car. Would you be ..... in a second-hand Honda?
- 5 What began as a friendly discussion, soon became a ..... argument.
- 6 Would you keep the baby ..... while I hang out the washing?
- 8 His truck was loaded up with bricks, sand and other ..... materials.
- 9 Take a thick coat – the weather can be ..... in Britain, even in spring.
- 10 Are ..... aircraft, say those older than ten years, safe to fly in?

**Down**

- 1 The Countess of Wessex won over the nation with her ..... smile.
- 3 You shouldn't have believed him – you're far too .....
- 4 My family were deeply ..... by your offers of help and sympathy.
- 7 I felt utterly ..... when you criticised me in front of my friends.
- 10 The army, navy and air force are known as the ..... forces.
- 11 Nursing can be a very ..... career, can't it?
- 12 It's important to stay cool, calm and ..... during your interview.