

Adjectives: -ed / -ing Forms

Many adjectives can end in **-ed or -ing**. For example:

- I'm **excited** about tomorrow.
- This is **an exciting** book.

When the adjective ends in -ed, it describes the feeling of something. For example:

- I'm **interested** in modern art. (This is my personal feeling)
- I was really **bored** yesterday.

When the adjective ends in -ing, it describes the feeling given by something. For example:

- Modern art is **interesting**. ("Modern art" can't feel, but it makes me feel interested.).
- The news was **shocking**. (The "news" gives us a shocking feeling)

Compare:

- He's **bored**. - He has nothing to do, he's not enjoying himself. This describes his feeling.
- He's **boring**. - He's not an interesting person. This describes the feeling he gives to other people.

Note that the adjective doesn't change with number.

<u>-ed Adjective</u>	<u>-ing Adjective</u>
annoyed - I don't get annoyed easily.	annoying - Noisy mobile phones can be annoying.
amazed - I'm amazed by her artistic talent.	amazing - The concert last night was amazing.
confused - I asked the teacher, but we were still confused.	confusing - This textbook is really confusing.
disappointed - They were disappointed the weather was not good.	disappointing - Yesterday's weather was disappointing.
surprised - I was surprised to see you.	surprising - I heard some surprising news.
amused thrilled interested	amusing thrilling interesting

EXERCISES

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- I like being a nurse. It's very _____ to be able to help people who are ill.
1. We were glad to arrive after such a long and _____ journey.
 2. Jane's boss was very _____ with her work. He agreed to increase her salary.
 3. The children fell asleep quickly because they were _____ after playing in the park.
 4. The music was so _____ that Susan fell asleep.
 5. Please stop making that noise. It's very _____.
 6. Nobody expected the government to win the election so the result was very _____.
 7. If you are wondering why I look so _____ It's because I've been on holiday for two weeks.
 8. Please don't get _____ with Jim. It wasn't his fault.
 9. Thomas hadn't heard from Mary in years, so he was _____ to get a letter from her

1) Those are probably the _____ curtains in the store.

most fanciest fanciest fanciest

2) Uncle Carl is really _____ man.

a sweet old an old sweet a sweet, old

3) The Karmen-Ghia used to be _____ sportscar.

a German, fine a fine, German a fine German

4) Everyone was home for the holidays. What could make for _____ Christmas than that ?

a merrier the merriest a merrier

5) They grew up in _____ house in Mexico City.

a comfortable little a little, comfortable a comfortable, little

6) 'The Green Line' is the _____ movie I've ever seen.

most excited most exciting most exciteable

7) Tashonda wanted to take a course with _____ professor.

that interesting new Japanese economics that Japanese interesting, new economics

that interesting, new, Japanese, economics

8) Of all the mechanics in the shop, Jerzy is certainly _____ .

the competentest. the least competent the less competent

9) In the fall, the valleys tend to be _____ than the hilltops

foggier foggy more foggier

10) My cold is definitely _____ this morning.

worser worse worst

KEY:

1. Satisfying 2. Tiring 3. Satisfied 4. tired 5. Relaxing

6. annoying 7. Surprising 8. Relaxed 9. Annoyed 10. Surprised

1. fanciest 2. a sweet old 3. a fine German 4. a merrier 5. a comfortable little 6. most exciting

7. that interesting new Japanese economics 8. the least competent 9. Foggier 10. worse