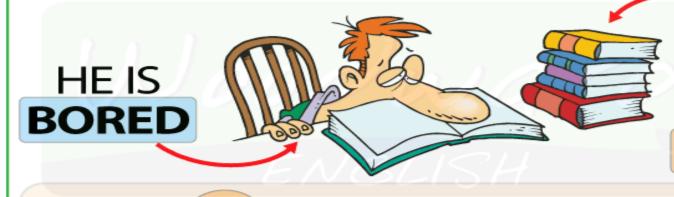


ADJECTIVES Ending in -ED and -ING





THESE BOOKS ARE BORING

ADJECTIVES THAT END IN

-ING

Describe the *characteristic* of a person, a thing or a situation. It CAUSES a feeling.

The books are boring. We are describing a characteristic of these books. What do these books cause? They make people feel bored.

ADJECTIVES THAT END IN



Describe *a feeling* or an emotion. It is how we FEEL about something.

He is bored. This is his feeling right now. This feeling was caused by the books. He is not going to be bored for eternity. He feels bored for now. (It is temporary)

Example Sentences (compare the difference)

I am **tired** right now. My flight was **tiring** (because it was a twelve-hour flight). Public toilets are sometimes **disgusting**. I am **disgusted** by the smell of them. Your speech was **inspiring**. I'm now **inspired** to do great things with my life.

Using Adjectives Ending in -ed and -ing

Adjectives are used all the time in English. They're a great way of adding more information about a noun, and generally helping you to say something more about a person or thing.

If it ends in -ing, it's used to describe a characteristic

If you are describing an object, place, or another noun, you would use adjectives that end in –ing. These are used to describe a particular characteristic or aspect of the noun.

E.g. "The bowl was quite striking."

"Paris is so fascinating!"

If it ends in -ed, it's used to describe a feeling

There's one simple and clear rule for adjectives that end in –ed. This ending is only used when you are describing a feeling or emotion. This can be to describe how you feel something yourself – or how somebody else feels.

E.g. "I was bored during the film."

"She was really tired after she came home."

Using -ing adjectives to describe people

Although you would normally use –ed adjectives to describe a particular emotion or feeling someone is experiencing, you do not use these adjectives if you want to describe something about the person themselves.

Using -ed and -ing adjectives to describe situations

When describing an event or situation, it is possible to use either adjective ending – depending on the context and your meaning. The same rules still apply – if you are describing someone's feelings, then you would use –ed, and if you are describing the characteristic of the event, then you would use – ing.

E.g. "The film premiere was very exciting."

"The fans were depressed at the match."

Using both at the same time

Once you have got the hang of both endings, you can even use both of them in the same sentence – but as always, just make sure that you have the correct ending for the intended meaning!

E.g. "The audience felt thrilled to see such an exciting event."