

## 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.

Below are some common adjective pairs using *-ed/-ing*.

Note that the adjective doesn't change with number.

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

## Complete the sentences using -ing adjectives or -ed adjectives.

**Example:** The girl seemed \_\_\_\_\_ in my thoughts and opinions.

a) interested b) interested - Answer a) is correct.

1. The children looked \_\_\_\_\_ by the old toys.

a) fascinated      b) fascinating

2. I felt \_\_\_\_\_ after just a short time in the forest.

a) invigorated      b) invigorating

3. It was very \_\_\_\_\_ to win our first game of the season.

a) bad      b) badly

4. The recent downward trend in poverty seems \_\_\_\_\_.

a) encouraged      b) encouraging

5. \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of moving away, Jonathon began to cry.

a) Terrified      b) Terrifying

6. When you're not in good spirits, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to stay in bed all day.

a) tempted      b) tempting

7. One finding that appeared \_\_\_\_\_ was that birth rates were declining.

a) troubled      b) troubling

8. Never had Ann felt so \_\_\_\_\_ by the landscape she traveled through.

a) charmed      b) charming

9. As \_\_\_\_\_ as it is to be with others, it's crucial to spend some time alone. .

a) comforted      b) comforting

10. The working mother was \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of being labeled a "homemaker."

a) amused      b) amusing

