

GRAMMAR

-ED / -ING ADJECTIVES



1

Common *-ed* adjectives

Put the *-ed* adjectives into the correct category.

confused embarrassed frightened interested refreshed satisfied shocked thrilled

Positive: _____

Negative: _____

Now choose the best adjective from above for each of the sentences below.

I was very _____¹ with our stay at the hotel. The service was amazing.
Chloe was really _____² when she threw coffee on her colleague by accident.
The man was _____³ when he heard a noise. He thought it might be a bear.
Zachary was _____⁴ by the waiter's behaviour. He thought it was very rude.
Aline felt _____⁵. The shower was great after a long run.
Isaac was _____⁶ when he won first prize. It was a holiday to the Bahamas.
Paul was _____⁷ by the instructions. They didn't make any sense.
He was _____⁸ by the way the artist painted. It was very unusual.

2

Common *-ing* adjectives

Choose the best *-ing* adjective for each sentence.

relaxing
boring

depressing
tiring

exciting
disappointing

worrying
annoying



1. Beach holidays are _____.



2. Rain is sometimes _____.



3. Roller coasters are _____.



4. It is _____ when you have no money.



5. Work meetings are often _____.



6. Running is _____.



7. It is _____ to fail an exam.



8. Mosquitoes are _____.

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Practice 1

Choose the correct option for each sentence.

1. I don't like black and white films. I think they are_____. *bored/boring*
2. Max was really_____when he couldn't go to the match. *disappointed/disappointing*
3. The news can be very_____. And it is always on the TV. *depressing/depressed*
4. The dog was very_____. It couldn't find the toy anywhere. *confused/confusing*
5. Lemonade is very_____. Especially on a hot day. *refreshed/refreshing*
6. Hermann was very_____. He went swimming and then sunbathed. *relaxed/relaxing*
7. It is very_____that I will have my own car soon. I can't wait to drive it. *excited/exciting*
8. Samantha was_____to sing. Her voice wasn't very good. *embarrassed/embarrassing*

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Practice 2

Put a tick after the sentences that are correct. Correct the sentences that are wrong.

Example: The boy was ~~boring~~. He couldn't see out of the window on the plane. ~~bored~~

1. I was **shocked** when they said my name. My picture was the worst. _____
2. Vincent was **interesting** when they started talking about football. _____
3. The woman was **tiring** after they walked 10km. She wanted to relax in the cafe. _____
4. It is **worrying** when you don't have a job. It is very difficult to pay your rent and bills.

5. Rita was **satisfying** when she finally got her money back from the holiday company.

6. Gareth was **thrilling** when he got a new bike for his birthday. _____
7. Emile is **annoying** because he never stops talking. _____
8. That dog is **frightened**. It has really big teeth. _____