

Adjectives ending in *-ed* and *-ing*

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Is it exciting?

NEWS



What do teenagers really think about the world today? News, technology, the environment, politics, social problems ... Are teenagers bored with all this or do they think it is interesting? 215 Russian teenagers completed a questionnaire. Here are their answers.

	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Not sure (%)
Climate change is worrying .	30	17	53
The price of food today is shocking .	90	0	10
No one is interested in my opinion.	69	12	19
Politics is boring .	84	7	9
I am very worried about crime.	15	30	55
TV advertisements are annoying .	65	20	15
It is exciting to live in the 21st century.	42	25	33

Do this questionnaire in your class. What do the students in your class think?



True or False? Most Russian teenagers like politics.

Answer: false

-ed and *-ing* adjectives

- Many adjectives end in *-ing* or *-ed*.
an exciting day
The United manager was pleased with the result of the game.
- Adjectives with *-ed* endings describe how we feel. They show our reaction to something or somebody.
No one is interested in my opinion.
I felt less worried after listening to Bill.
- Adjectives with *-ing* endings describe what or who causes the feeling. They show the effect that something or somebody has on us.
Politics is boring.
Sam is amazing – he speaks six languages.
- Some adjectives have both *-ed* and *-ing* endings but there is a difference in meaning.
She is tired. Tennis is a tiring sport.
I am shocked. The news is shocking.
- Some examples of adjectives which end in *-ing* and *-ed* are:

<i>amazing – amazed</i>	<i>frightening – frightened</i>
<i>annoying – annoyed</i>	<i>interesting – interested</i>
<i>boring – bored</i>	<i>pleased – pleasing</i>
<i>confusing – confused</i>	<i>surprising – surprised</i>
<i>depressing – depressed</i>	<i>shocking – shocked</i>
<i>disappointing – disappointed</i>	<i>terrifying – terrified</i>
<i>exciting – excited</i>	<i>tiring – tired</i>
	<i>worrying – worried</i>

A Underline the correct option.

- 1 It was a long and very tiring / tired day for her.
- 2 I'm disappointing / disappointed that you can't come.
- 3 It's not a very interesting / interested idea.
- 4 Something really exciting / excited happened at the weekend.
- 5 Bears are terrifying / terrified when they get angry.
- 6 When you're nice and relaxing / relaxed, we can begin.
- 7 That's not surprising / surprised news.
- 8 Jack always looks very worrying / worried before a test.
- 9 Shopping is so boring / bored.
- 10 Is the boss annoying / annoyed because you were late?

B Add an -ing or -ed ending to the adjectives in the text.

Time travel is an ¹interest ing concept. It is not ²surpris that people are so ³interest in time travel because the idea is very romantic. In the 19th century, H. G. Wells wrote a very ⁴excit book called *The Time Machine*. It's a great novel and you won't be ⁵disappoint if you read it. The book also shows the dangers of time travel. The hero is ⁶shock and ⁷confus when he visits the past and future. At the end of the book he is lost in time and cannot come back to the present. This is a ⁸frighten finish to the book and readers who are ⁹bor with living in the present must read it carefully. We cannot change the past or know the future so we must live in the present. The world around us is full of ¹⁰amaz things. We don't need to visit the past or future to have an ¹¹interest life.



C Do you care about the world? Complete the questions with the correct adjectives, then tick ✓ your answers a, b or c.

- 1 You are walking down the street and see somebody drop a can on the ground. What do you think?
 - a) I'm not surprised (surprising / surprised) ✓
 - b) That's shocking! (shocking / shocked)
 - c) That's OK.
- 2 There is an election. What do you think?
 - a) Elections are very (boring / bored)
 - b) How _____! (exciting / excited)
 - c) What's an election?
- 3 Do you think one day there will be too many people in the world to feed?
 - a) I'm not sure.
 - b) Yes and I'm very _____ (worrying / worried)
 - c) I don't care. I'm not _____ in the future. (interesting / interested)
- 4 Will robots do all the work in the future?
 - a) I hope so, I'm _____ of work. (tiring / tired)
 - b) It's an _____ thought but it won't happen soon. (amazing / amazed)
 - c) Perhaps.
- 5 Does technology make life better?
 - a) Yes, of course.
 - b) Yes, but too much change can be _____ (frightening / frightened)
 - c) I play computer games six hours a day, which is very _____ (relaxing / relaxed)

What do your results mean?

Mostly a: You don't care about the world and find many things boring.

Mostly b: You care about the world around you.

Mostly c: You don't know much about the world around you.

MY TURN!

Imagine you are in these situations. In your notebook, write what you feel using *-ing* and *-ed* adjectives.

- 1 You are riding an elephant.
It's exciting but I'm a bit scared!
- 2 You see a snake in your garden.
- 3 It snows in July.
- 4 Julia Roberts phones you.
- 5 You come first in the English test.
- 6 You hear a strange noise in the middle of the night.
- 7 A police officer stops you in the street.
- 8 You are waiting for your best friend. He / She is late.

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- 1 I'm not _____ about the future. I'm sure everything's going to be fine. a worried b pleasing c pleased
- 2 She's so _____ when she talks about politics all the time. She thinks it's really interesting, but it isn't. a exciting b boring c bored
- 3 People today are _____ of giving their real opinions. a depressing b annoyed c frightened
- 4 I think all those numbers are very _____ - I don't understand them at all. a confusing b shocked c confused
- 5 The results from the questionnaire weren't _____, a surprising b tiring c surprised

My Test answers: 1a 2b 3c 4a 5a