

Grammar Challenge

Adjectives with '-ed' and '-ing'
Practice



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Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	I was looking forward to that film, but it was a load of rubbish...	a.	...we were quite shocked.
2.	I hate the food at that restaurant...	b.	...it's absolutely disgusting.
3.	He talked and talked about the same topic for hours...	c.	...I find it really confusing.
4.	He drove much too quickly, and he wasn't really looking where he was going...	d.	...I was really disappointed.
5.	They had only known each other for a few days when they announced their engagement...	e.	...it was the most embarrassing experience of my life.
6.	I fell over in front of everybody in the restaurant...	f.	..I was amazed!
7.	My best friend won first prize in a talent competition, even though she can't sing	g.	...I was really bored.
8.	I can't add up and I can't remember numbers. I hate mathematics...	h.	...it was quite frightening.

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Exercise 2: Correct / Wrong

Read the sentences and decide whether the adjectives are in the correct form.

1. We had a **thrilling** ride on a rollercoaster at the amusement park.
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

2. I am **interesting** in old books and stamps.
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

3. It's really **annoying** when people push in front of you in a queue, isn't it?
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

4. Success at work is a **satisfied** experience.
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

5. I feel very **frustrated** when I can't think of the correct word in English.
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

6. I felt very **embarrassing**. Everybody was looking at me and I went bright red.
 - a. Correct
 - b. Wrong

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Exercise 3:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

1. The play was really... - in fact, I was so... that I fell asleep.
 - a. bored / bored
 - b. bored / boring
 - c. boring / boring
 - d. boring / bored

2. My friend lost her job, she hasn't got any money and she had to move out of her flat. She's really unhappy and..., and her situation makes me feel... too.
 - a. depressed / depressed
 - b. depressed / depressing
 - c. depressing / depressing
 - d. depressing / depressed

3. Foreign travel is really... I'm going to Mexico next month, and I'm really... about it!
 - a. excited / excited
 - b. excited / exciting
 - c. exciting / exciting
 - d. exciting / excited

4. I think that an academic subject is only... if the teacher or lecturer talks about it in an... way.
 - a. interested / interested
 - b. interested / interesting
 - c. interesting / interesting
 - d. interesting / interested

5. My job is extremely... At the end of each day I'm absolutely...
 - a. tiring / exhausting
 - b. tired / exhausted
 - c. tiring / exhausted
 - d. tired / exhausting

6. He told me a most... story about his days as a footballer. He's a very... person.
 - a. entertaining / amusing
 - b. entertaining / amused
 - c. entertained / amusing
 - d. entertained / amused

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Answers

Exercise 1:

Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1.	I was looking forward to that film, but it was a load of rubbish...	d.	...I was really disappointed.
2.	I hate the food at that restaurant...	b.	...it's absolutely disgusting.
3.	He talked and talked about the same topic for hours...	g.	...I was really bored.
4.	He drove much too quickly, and he wasn't really looking where he was going...	h.	...it was quite frightening.
5.	They had only known each other for a few days when they announced their engagement...	a.	... we were quite shocked.
6.	I fell over in front of everybody in the restaurant...	e.	...it was the most embarrassing experience of my life.
7.	My best friend won first prize in a talent competition, even though she can't sing...	f.	..I was amazed!
8.	I can't add up and I can't remember numbers. I hate mathematics...	c.	...I find it really confusing.

Exercise 2: Correct / Wrong

Read the sentences and decide whether the adjectives are in the correct form.

- We had a **thrilling** ride on a rollercoaster at the amusement park.
 - Correct form – Yes – this adjective describes the ride, not your feelings about the ride.**
 - Wrong form – No – this sentence needs an adjective which describes the ride, not your feelings about the ride.
- I am **interesting** in old books and stamps.
 - Correct form – No – this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel.
 - Wrong form – Yes – this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel.**
- It's really **annoying** when people push in front of you in a queue, isn't it?

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- a. **Correct form – Yes – this adjective describes the situation, not your feelings about the situation.**
- b. Wrong form – No – this sentence needs an adjective which describes the situation, not your feelings about the situation.
4. Success at work is a **satisfied** experience.
- a. Correct form – No – this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel about success.
- b. **Wrong form – Yes – this sentence needs an adjective which describes success, not your feelings about it.**
5. I feel very **frustrated** when I can't think of the correct word in English.
- a. **Correct form – Yes - this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel about the situation.**
- b. Wrong form – No - this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel about the situation.
6. I felt very **embarrassing**. Everybody was looking at me and I went bright red.
- a. Correct form - No - this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel about the situation.
- b. **Wrong form – Yes - this sentence needs an adjective which describes how you feel about the situation.**

Exercise 3:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a-d which best fits the space.

1. The play was really... - in fact, I was so... that I fell asleep.
- a. bored / bored – Wrong - the first adjective should describe the play, the second (correct) one describes how I feel about the play.
- b. bored / boring – Wrong - the first adjective should describe the play, the second one should describe how I feel about the play.
- c. boring / boring – Wrong - the first (correct) adjective describes the play, the second one should describe how I feel about the play.
- d. **boring / bored – Correct – the first adjective describes the play; the second one describes how I feel about the play.**
2. My friend lost her job, she hasn't got any money and she had to move out of her flat. She's really unhappy and..., and her situation makes me feel... too.
- a. **depressed / depressed – Correct – the first adjective describes how my friend feels, and the second one describes how I feel.**
- b. depressed / depressing – Wrong - the first (correct) adjective describes how my friend feels, and the second one should describe how I feel.
- c. depressing / depressing – Wrong - the first adjective should describe how my friend feels, and the second one should describe how I feel.
- d. depressing / depressed – Wrong - the first adjective should describe how my friend feels, and the second (correct) one describes how I feel.
3. Foreign travel is really... I'm going to Mexico next month, and I'm really... about it!
- a. excited / excited – Wrong – the first adjective should describe foreign travel, and the second (correct) one describes how I feel about going to Mexico.

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- b. excited / exciting – Wrong – the first adjective should describe foreign travel, and the second one should describe how I feel about going to Mexico.
- c. exciting / exciting – Wrong – the first (correct) adjective describes foreign travel, and the second one should describe how I feel about going to Mexico.
- d. exciting / excited – Correct – the first adjective describes foreign travel, and the second one describes how I feel about going to Mexico.**
4. I think that an academic subject is only... if the teacher or lecturer talks about it in an... way.
- a. interested / interested – Wrong – the first adjective should describe the academic subject, and the second one should describe the teacher's talk.
- b. interested / interesting – Wrong – the first adjective should describe the subject, and the second (correct) one describes the teacher's talk.
- c. interesting / interesting – Correct – the first adjective describes the subject, and the second one describes the teacher's talk.**
- d. interesting / interested – Wrong – the first (correct) adjective describes the subject, and the second one should describe the teacher's talk.
5. My job is extremely... At the end of each day I'm absolutely...
- a. tiring / exhausting – Wrong – the first (correct) adjective describes my job, and the second one should describe how I feel.
- b. tired / exhausted – Wrong – the first adjective should describe my job, and the second (correct) one describes how I feel.
- c. tiring / exhausted – Correct – the first adjective describes my job, and the second one describes how I feel.**
- d. tired / exhausting – Wrong – the first adjective should describe my job, and the second one should describe how I feel.
6. He told me a most... story about his days as a footballer. He's a very... person.
- a. entertaining / amusing – Correct - the first adjective describes the story, and the second one describes the footballer.**
- b. entertaining / amused – Wrong - the first (correct) adjective describes the story, and the second one should describe the footballer.
- c. entertained / amusing – Wrong - the first adjective should describe the story, and the second (correct) one describes the footballer.
- d. entertained / amused – Wrong - the first adjective should describe the story, and the second one should describe the footballer.