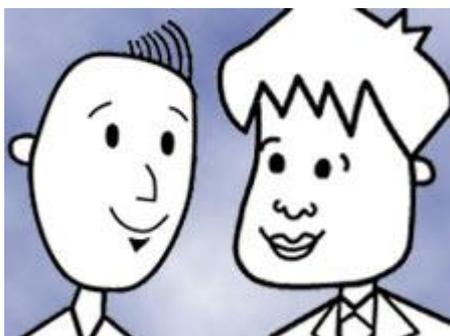


# THE FLATMATES

Language point:  
-ed and -ing adjectives



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#### **-ed –ing adjectives meaning**

We can use **–ed adjectives** to say how we feel about something or someone:  
Alice is **exhausted** by her work at the hospital.  
Helen is **tired** of studying.

We can use **–ing adjectives** to say how something or someone makes us feel:  
Alice's job is very **exciting**. She gave someone mouth-to-mouth today.  
It's **surprising** that Tim is paying for all of them at the pub!

#### **More –ed –ing adjectives**

##### **bored/boring**

He used to like that TV show but now he's **bored** with it.  
That film was so **boring** that I nearly fell asleep!

##### **embarrassed/embarrassing**

He was so **embarrassed** when the boss shouted at him in front of everyone in the office.  
It's **embarrassing** when my dad tries to dance at parties. He's too old for all that!

##### **depressed/depressing**

He's really **depressed**. His wife left him and he's just lost his job.  
I think it's **depressing** how much poverty there is in the world.

##### **disappointed/disappointing**

She was **disappointed** that she failed her English test last week.  
The film had loads of hype and publicity but it turned out to be very **disappointing**.

##### **interested/interesting**

They're **interested** in collecting stamps but I think that's a really boring hobby.  
Even though *War and Peace* is very long, I still found it really **interesting**.

##### **frightened/frightening**

He's such a baby! He's 25 and he's still **frightened** of dogs!  
*Nightmare on Elm Street* is the most **frightening** film she's ever seen.

### words used after –ed adjectives

There are fixed words that we use after -ed adjectives:

**by**

bored by

depressed by

exhausted by

excited by

embarrassed by

**with**

bored with

disappointed with

**of**

frightened of

tired of

**in**

interested in

### Vocabulary:

worn-out (adj, informal): tired

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