

Adjectives with ending **-ing** and **-ed**

Adjectives with **-ing** that describe a characteristic of a person, a thing or a situation.

Adjectives with **-ed** that describe a feeling or an emotion.

Change the adjectives by adding **-ed or **-ing**.**

1. The film was so _____ that we left it in the middle. (bore)
2. The students were _____ in examining the dead body in the mortuary. (interest)
3. It's _____ to be caught telling a lie. (embarrass)
4. The children are _____ about the holiday in Spain. (excite)
5. Last night the food we had in the restaurant was _____. We had to send it back. (disgust)
6. The children ran round and round the playground until they were _____. (exhaust)
7. It was a cold, wet day and the children _____ (bore)
8. There was an _____ article on bilingualism in the newspaper yesterday. (interest)
9. It was so _____ to hear that the project was a great success. (satisfy)
10. It is really _____ when the train is late and there is no explanation. (annoy)
11. They were _____ about the result. (disappoint)
12. Mark was really _____ with me for leaving without him. (annoy)
13. He was _____ to discover that he had left no money. (shock)
14. He was _____ sick when he heard that there had been an accident. (worry)
15. I'm _____ by spiders. (terrify)
16. I'm not _____ that he didn't keep his promise. (surprise)
17. Her exam results were _____ although she worked very hard. (disappoint)
18. It's so _____ that he doesn't listen to what I say. (frustrate)
19. There were some very _____ pictures of the fighting on the news last night. (shock)
20. Grandpa gets pretty _____ sometimes, and doesn't even know what day it is. (confuse)
21. The teacher wasn't _____ when she saw the mess in the classroom. (amuse)
22. She found the film extremely _____. (frighten)
23. Feeling _____ and _____ he went to sleep. (tire/depress)
24. He has got an _____ habit of always interrupting people. (annoy)
25. You look very _____. Why don't you go to bed? (tire)

-ED or -ING?

***Note:** '-ed' adjectives describe people's feelings: "I feel **bored**." (how I feel)
A **boring** movie, however, will make you feel bored. (how it is)

Read and choose.

1. I don't understand chess. The rules are very **confused** / **confusing**.
2. He was **embarrassed** / **embarrassing** when he arrived late for class.
3. There is a new movie playing at the theater. Are you **interested** / **interesting**?
4. My little brother makes too much noise. He is **annoyed** / **annoying**.
5. I like my new chair. It's quite **relaxed** / **relaxing**.
6. Moving to a new home is hard work. It's **tired** / **tiring**.
7. The sad news made me **depressed** / **depressing**.
8. Louise got a B+. She was **satisfied** / **satisfying** with her test results.
9. Our company isn't making any money. It's very **worried** / **worrying**.
10. Robert thinks that roller coasters are **terrified** / **terrifying**.
11. I think that insects are **fascinated** / **fascinating**. I love to study them!
12. When the TV program was cancelled, Kelly was **disappointed** / **disappointing**.

read/look over

sign up for

jot/write down

fill in

look up

hand/turn in

slack off

brush up on

catch up on

take up

fall behind

sum up

touch on

keep up with

drop out

be/get kicked out

give/hand out

read up on

learn off

flunk out

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1. I _____ of medical school because I couldn't take the pressure.
 2. He didn't enjoy his college course. He didn't study and no _____!
 3. When writing an essay, it's important to _____ your points at the end.
 4. I have a terrible memory, so I find it difficult to _____ a lot of information before exams.
 5. It's wise to ask someone to _____ your assignments before you _____ them _____.
 6. I wasn't a very good student in school, I was pretty lazy and I _____ a lot. I regret it now.
 7. I'm going to France on my holidays this year, so I better _____ my French.
 8. When I'm reading in English, I use a dictionary to _____ any words I don't understand.
 9. Louise _____ extra maths classes because she's worried she's going to fail.
 10. I just _____ my college application form. I'm going to post it now. I hope I get admitted.
 11. Jason found it difficult to _____ the rest of his class, so he hired a private tutor.
 12. You should _____ some notes as you listen to the lecture.
 13. Terry missed a lot of classes due to illness and _____ in his studies, but he managed to _____ things when he got back to full health.
 14. I think I'll _____ Biology next year. I find it very interesting.
 15. The lecturer usually _____ the worksheets at the beginning of the lesson.
 16. Lucy _____ of school for smoking on the premises and being rude to teachers.
 17. I will only _____ the topic today, but we will go into it in more detail tomorrow.
 18. They _____ the effects of climate change and presented their findings to class.

1. Can you get some coffee from the shops; I'm afraid we've run _____.
a. in b. out c. off
2. My car runs _____ diesel.
a. for b. by c. on
3. We haven't got much A4 paper left for the photocopier; we're running _____.
a. down b. low c. off
4. Joan ran _____ from home after an argument with her parents.
a. in b. up c. away
5. Her new car runs _____ diesel instead of petrol.
a. off b. out c. on
6. My Father and Grandfather both died of heart disease; it runs _____ our family.
a. in b. from c. to
7. She ran _____ a huge bill in the restaurant.
a. up b. into c. over
8. The robbers ran _____ when the police arrived and haven't been caught yet
a. into b. away c. out of
9. My dog always runs _____ cats; she hates them.
a. after b. into c. over
10. I was walking down Regent Street the other day when I ran
my old German teacher.