**'-ed' and '-ing' adjectives: describing feelings and things**

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'My holiday was relax**ing**. I felt really relax**ed**.'

Few, but common, adjectives end in either **-ed**or **-ing**:

worri**ed**/worry**ing**, interest**ed**/interest**ing**, excit**ed**/exciting

**'-ed' adjectives**

Adjectives that end in **-ed** are used to describe how people feel:  
'He was **surprised** to find that he had been upgraded to first class.'  
'I was **confused** by the findings of the report.'  
'She felt **tired** after working hard all day.'

**'-ing' adjectives**

Adjectives that end in **-ing** are used to describe things and situations. Compare these example sentences to the ones above:  
'Being upgraded to first class is **surprising**.'  
The findings of this report are **confusing**.'  
'Working hard all day is**tiring**.'

**example table:**

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| **-ed and -ing adjectives tables** | |
| **Feel '-ed'** | **describe '-ing'** |
| annoyed | annoying |
| bored | boring |
| Confused  Challenged | Confusing  challenging |
| depressed | depressing |
| excited | exciting |
| frustrated | frustrating |
| frightened | frightening |
| satisfied | satisfying |
| Shocked  Scared | Shocking  scary |

**Now complete the sentences below using the correct adjective:**

* **Dogs often feel \_\_\_ during fireworks.**

frightening  
frightened

* **The CTA can be \_\_\_ the first time you use it.**

confused  
confusing

* **Satoru was \_\_\_ to hear about the earthquake.**

shocked  
shocking

* **I think that rainy days in winter are \_\_\_.**

depressing  
depressed

* **She's \_\_\_ of doing the same thing every day.**

boring  
bored

* **I was so\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go on vacation.**

exciting  
excited

* **The meals at Cheesecake Factory are \_\_\_.**

satisfied  
satisfying

My first day Essay

I want you to describe your first day doing something challenging. You could write about your first day in the United States, your first day at school, your first day at university or high school or your first day at a new job.

How did you feel?

Where you excited, frightened or bored?

What was