

ADJECTIVES

Ending in -ED and -ING

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Describe the *characteristic* of a person, a thing or a situation. It **CAUSES** a feeling.

The books are boring. We are describing a characteristic of these books. What do these books cause? They make people feel bored.

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Describe *a feeling* or an emotion. It is how we **FEEL** about something.

He is bored. This is his feeling right now. This feeling was caused by the books. He is not going to be bored for eternity. He feels bored for now. (It is temporary)

Example Sentences (compare the difference)

*I am **tired** right now. My flight was **tiring** (because it was a twelve-hour flight).*

*Public toilets are sometimes **disgusting**. I am **disgusted** by the smell of them.*

*Your speech was **inspiring**. I'm now **inspired** to do great things with my life.*