

-ed and -ing Adjectives – Test 1

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Choose the best answer for each question. Only one option is correct.

Part 1: -ed or -ing?

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

- The film was so _____ that I fell asleep halfway through.
A bored B boring C bore D boredom
- I was really _____ when I heard I had passed the exam.
A excited B exciting C excite D excitement
- Maria felt _____ after working for twelve hours.
A tiring B tiredness C tire D tired
- The instructions were very _____, so nobody understood them.
A confused B confuse C confusing D confusion
- We were _____ to see snow in April.
A surprised B surprising C surprise D surprisingly
- It's _____ that so many people still don't recycle.
A disappointed B disappoint C disappointment D disappointing
- Are you _____ in joining the photography club?
A interesting B interested C interest D interests
- Walking alone in the forest at night can be quite _____.
A frightened B fright C frightening D frighten
- Kenji was _____ when he forgot his lines in the school play.
A embarrassed B embarrassing C embarrass D embarrassment
- The news about the accident was really _____.
A shocked B shock C shocks D shocking

Part 2: Word choice, errors and collocations

Choose the correct answer for each question.

- Which sentence is correct?
A I'm boring with this game. B This game is bored.
C I'm bored with this game. D This game makes me boring.
- Which word is wrong in this sentence? 'We were amazing by how relaxing the holiday was.'
A were B amazing C relaxing D holiday

13. A: How was the football match? B: _____
A It was really excited. Our team won in the last minute.
B I was really exciting. Our team won in the last minute.
C It was really exciting! Our team won in the last minute.
D It made me very exciting. Our team won in the last minute.
14. Amira's speech was so _____ that everyone in the room stood up and clapped.
A inspired **B** inspiring **C** inspire **D** inspiration
15. 'After the marathon, I was exhausted.' What does 'exhausted' mean?
A very bored **B** very worried **C** very tired **D** very excited
16. Which sentence is correct?
A She was annoyed by the noise from next door.
B She was annoying by the noise from next door.
C The noise from next door was annoyed.
D The noise from next door annoyed to her.
17. My little brother is terrified _____ spiders.
A with **B** at **C** in **D** of
18. We were _____ with the hotel. The room was dirty and the staff were rude.
A pleased **B** disappointed **C** disappointing **D** satisfied
19. The view from the top of the mountain was _____. (AMAZE)
A amazed **B** amazement **C** amazing **D** amazingly
20. Which sentence has a mistake?
A The lesson was really interesting.
B I felt relaxed after my swim.
C The children were very excited about the party.
D I was so boring in the meeting that I nearly fell asleep.
21. The most _____ thing about the trip was that it rained every single day.
A annoying **B** annoyed **C** annoy **D** annoyance
22. Ahmed felt very _____ when he couldn't find his passport at the airport.
A worrying **B** worried **C** worry **D** worries

Part 3: Reading – Sofia's first solo trip

Read the text and choose the best answer for each question.

Last summer, Sofia travelled abroad alone for the first time. Before she left, she was quite nervous. Her friends kept telling her stories about lost luggage and missed trains, which wasn't very encouraging.

The flight was long and tiring, and when she arrived, the city felt confusing. The street signs were in a language she didn't understand, and she got lost twice on the way to her hostel. By the evening she was exhausted, but the hostel staff were friendly and gave her a map with the most interesting places marked on it.

The next morning, everything changed. She joined a walking tour and was amazed by the old buildings and the colourful markets. The guide told some fascinating stories about the history of the city. Sofia also tried the local food. Some dishes were surprising – she never expected to love spicy soup for breakfast!

The only disappointing part of the trip was the weather on the last day. It rained so much that her boat trip was cancelled. Still, Sofia came home feeling relaxed and proud of herself. 'Travelling alone was a little frightening at first,' she says, 'but it was the most satisfying experience of my life.'

23. How did her friends' stories make Sofia feel before the trip?
A more confident **B** more worried **C** bored **D** amused
24. In paragraph 2, 'the city felt confusing' means that _____.
A the city was confused
B the city was boring
C Sofia found it hard to understand the city and find her way
D the people in the city were frightened of tourists
25. Which word in paragraph 2 means 'extremely tired'?
A tiring **B** exhausted **C** confusing **D** interesting
26. How did Sofia feel on the walking tour?
A bored **B** disappointed **C** amazing **D** amazed
27. The guide's stories were _____.
A fascinating **B** fascinated **C** boring **D** confused
28. Why were some dishes 'surprising'?
A The food was surprised. **B** They were too spicy to eat.
C Sofia didn't expect to like them. **D** Sofia had eaten them many times before.
29. What was disappointing about the trip?
A the hostel staff **B** the rain on the last day
C the walking tour **D** the local food
30. When Sofia came home, she felt _____.
A relaxed **B** relaxing **C** frightened **D** confusing

Answer key – -ed and -ing Adjectives – Test 1

1 B	2 A	3 D	4 C	5 A	6 D	7 B	8 C	9 A	10 D
11 C	12 B	13 C	14 B	15 C	16 A	17 D	18 B	19 C	20 D
21 A	22 B	23 B	24 C	25 B	26 D	27 A	28 C	29 B	30 A

Explanations

- B** – The film causes the feeling, so we use the -ing adjective 'boring'.
- A** – 'Excited' describes how the person feels.
- D** – After 'felt' we need an adjective that describes Maria's feeling: 'tired'.
- C** – The instructions cause confusion, so they are 'confusing'.
- A** – 'Surprised' describes how the people felt.
- D** – The situation causes the feeling, so we use 'disappointing'.
- B** – We say 'interested in' to describe a person's feeling.
- C** – The experience causes fear, so it is 'frightening'.
- A** – 'Embarrassed' describes how Kenji felt.
- D** – The news causes the feeling, so it is 'shocking'.
- C** – The person feels the emotion, so 'I'm bored' is correct.
- B** – It should be 'amazed', because it describes how we felt.
- C** – The match causes the feeling, so it takes the -ing adjective 'exciting', while a person who has the feeling would be 'excited'.
- B** – The speech gave people inspiration, so it was 'inspiring'.
- C** – 'Exhausted' means extremely tired.
- A** – She felt the emotion, so 'annoyed by' is correct.
- D** – The correct collocation is 'terrified of'.
- B** – The guests felt let down, so they were 'disappointed with' the hotel.
- C** – The view causes the feeling, so the adjective is 'amazing'.
- D** – It should be 'bored', because it describes how the speaker felt.
- A** – The rain caused the feeling, so it was 'annoying'.
- B** – After 'felt' we describe Ahmed's feeling: 'worried'.
- B** – The stories 'weren't very encouraging', so they made her more worried.
- C** – 'Confusing' describes the city as the cause of Sofia's confusion.
- B** – 'Exhausted' means extremely tired.
- D** – The text says she 'was amazed by the old buildings'.
- A** – The stories caused interest, so they were 'fascinating'.
- C** – She 'never expected to love spicy soup', so the dish surprised her.
- B** – The text says the weather on the last day was the disappointing part.
- A** – The text says she 'came home feeling relaxed', and '-ed' describes her feeling.

Notes for teachers: The test targets a very common learner error: using -ing adjectives to describe feelings (e.g. 'I am boring' instead of 'I am bored'). Part 1 checks basic form and meaning, Part 2 adds error spotting, collocations and word formation, and Part 3 checks the adjectives in a longer reading context. As a follow-up, ask students to write five sentences about a recent trip or event, using one -ed and one -ing adjective from the same word family in each sentence.