

## -Ed and -Ing Adjectives

Some adjectives look a lot like verbs. In fact, they are called verbals to acknowledge their verb origins. **S***Excited* comes from the verb *excite*. But so does *exciting*. So which is it—is your biology lab *excited* or *exciting*? What’s the difference? *-Ed* adjectives describe *people’s feelings* or *attitudes*. *-Ing* adjectives describe *things* or *situations*.

This adjective...	...describes <i>people</i> (or animals).	This adjective...	...describes <i>things</i> or <i>situations</i> .
excited	<i>We were <b>excited</b> about dirt bike riding.</i>	exciting	<i>Dirt bike riding is <b>exciting</b>.</i>
bored	<i>The <u>man</u> at the bus stop seemed <b>bored</b>.</i>	boring	<i>Waiting for the bus is <b>boring</b>.</i>
confused	<i>My <u>parents</u> were <b>confused</b> by your directions.</i>	confusing	<i>Your <u>directions</u> were <b>confusing</b>.</i>
frightened	<i>My <u>dog</u> is <b>frightened</b> by thunder.</i>	frightening	<i>Thunder can be <b>frightening</b>.</i>
tired	<i>She was <b>tired</b> after eight hours of job hunting.</i>	tiring	<i>Job hunting is <b>tiring</b>.</i>
amused	<i>The <b>amused</b> <u>audience</u> laughed at his jokes.</i>	amusing	<i>The <u>jokes</u> were <b>amusing</b>.</i>
energized	<i>I always feel <b>energized</b> after my run.</i>	energizing	<i>My <u>run</u> is always <b>energizing</b>.</i>
surprised	<i>We are <b>surprised</b> to see you this early!</i>	surprising	<i>Your early <u>arrival</u> is <b>surprising</b>!</i>
relaxed	<i>She feels <b>relaxed</b> after her yoga class.</i>	relaxing	<i>Her <u>yoga class</u> is <b>relaxing</b>.</i>
terrified	<i>The <b>terrified</b> <u>child</u> seemed lost.</i>	terrifying	<i>Being <u>lost</u> is <b>terrifying</b>.</i>
satisfied	<i>The <b>satisfied</b> <u>diners</u> left a large tip.</i>	satisfying	<i>Dinner was <b>satisfying</b>.</i>

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