

C10. A night at the movies

adjectives with *-ed* or *-ing* endings

A well dressed woman was queuing to buy a ticket for the cinema. When she got to the front of the queue the man behind in the box office was **surprised** to see that she had a small dog in her handbag.

'I'm sorry, madam,' he said, ' But I'm afraid pets are not permitted inside the cinema.'

'Oh, but he'll be very good,' the woman promised. 'He's very well behaved. I promise he won't make a sound.'

Since there weren't many customer in the cinema that day, the man decided to let her take her dog in with her. So he sold her a ticket and she went into the auditorium and took a seat. The man, curious to see how the dog behaved, went into the auditorium a couple of times during the film. He was **pleased** to see that it was just as the woman had promised. The little dog was sitting quietly on her lap, without moving or making any noise at all.

At the end of the film, as she was leaving the cinema, the man said to her,

'That's **amazing**. You were quite right. Your dog was very well behaved in there. The dog just sat there as though he was actually **interested** in the film.'

'Yes,' replied the woman, 'I thought that was **surprising**, too. He didn't enjoy the book at all.'



Grammar: adjectives with *-ed* or *-ing* endings

There are lots of adjectives which end in *-ed* or *-ing*. Compare these pairs of sentences.

*The film was very **interesting**.*

*I was very **interested** in the film.*

*It was **surprising** to see a dog in there.*

*I was **surprised** to see a dog in there.*

*My physics lessons was **boring**.*

*We were **bored** by our physics lessons.*

Adjectives ending in *-ing* often describe a book, film, person etc. They tell you about what kind of book, film or person it is, and how it makes you feel.

*This photograph is **amazing**.*

Adjectives ending in *-ed* often describe the emotion you feel about a book, film or person.

*I am **amazed** by this photograph.*

Choose the correct form to complete the sentences.

1. It's very **surprised** / **surprising** to see so many people here.
2. Was your mother **pleased** / **pleasing** with her birthday present?
3. We were very **bored** / **boring** during the lecture.
4. When I saw the exam results, I was completely **amazed** / **amazing**.
5. I thought the food in the restaurant was a bit **disappointed** / **disappointing**.
6. I've had a long and **tired** / **tiring** day and all I want to do is go to bed.
7. I'm not very **interested** / **interesting** in sport.
8. After the long walk back to the hotel we were completely **exhausted** / **exhausting**.
9. I thought that the movie was **terrified** / **terrifying**.
10. This cold wet weather is a bit **depressed** / **depressing**, I think.

Vocabulary exercises

Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1. auditorium | A. a domestic animal kept as a companion |
| 2. queue | B. the place in a theatre or cinema where you can buy a ticket |
| 3. lap | C. the part of a theatre or cinema where the audience sits |
| 4. box office | D. the part of your body between the waist and the knees of someone sitting down |
| 5. pet | E. a line of people waiting to pay or to get service |

There are many two word adjectives in English which start with well. Choose a word from the list to complete these sentences.

known *dressed* *done* *behaved* *spent*

6. This is what every well _____ woman in town is wearing this season.
7. Your children are very well _____ and they never push or shout.
8. Max is well _____ in Hollywood.
9. Although the book was quite expensive, it was money well _____.
10. Would you prefer your steak rare, medium or well _____?

ANSWERS