-ed and -ing Adjectives — Worksheet

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Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.

1. There was nothing to do at the hotel, so I soon got _____ and went for a walk.
   a) bored b) boring c) bore d) boreing

2. The film was so _____ that half the audience left before the end.
   a) bored b) boreing c) boring d) bore

3. My sister is very _____ in old cars and reads everything about them.
   a) interesting b) interested c) interest d) intrested

4. It was a long, _____ journey, and we arrived after midnight.
   a) tiring b) tired c) tireing d) tirring

5. The children couldn't sleep because they were so _____ about the trip.
   a) exciting b) excite c) excitted d) excited

6. I was _____ by how cheap the tickets were.
   a) surprising b) surprised c) suprised d) surprise

7. The prices in this shop are _____ — everything costs twice as much as last year.
   a) shocked b) shoking c) shocking d) shock

8. My brother is _____ about his job interview tomorrow.
   a) worried b) worryed c) worry d) worring

9. The view from the top of the tower was _____ — we took hundreds of photos.
   a) amazed b) amazing c) amazeing d) amaze

10. I felt really _____ when I called my new teacher by the wrong name.
    a) embarrassing b) embarassed c) embarrassed d) embarrass

11. You look _____. Did you go to bed late last night?
    a) tiring b) tired c) tierd d) tireing

12. I find horror films too _____ — I can't watch them on my own.
    a) frightening b) frightened c) frightning d) frighten

13. Tom was _____ that I forgot his birthday.
    a) annoying b) annoied c) annoy d) annoyed

14. The children were _____ of the big dog next door.
    a) frightening b) frighten c) frightened d) frightend

15. I could listen to my grandfather for hours — he's so _____.

a) interesting b) interested c) interest d) intresting

16. The news that the factory might close is very _____ for its workers.

a) worried b) worring c) worry d) worrying

17. I read the email three times, but I still felt _____.

a) confusing b) confuse c) confused d) confuseing

18. What an _____ match! The score changed five times in the last ten minutes.

a) excited b) excitting c) excite d) exciting

19. My little brother keeps taking my phone without asking. He's so _____!

a) annoying b) annoyed c) annoyying d) annoy

20. After a week by the sea, I felt completely _____.

a) relaxing b) relaxed c) relax d) relaxation

21. I'm not _____ in football, so I find the matches on TV _____.

a) interested … boring b) interesting … bored c) interested … bored d) interesting … boring

22. My son is _____ of the dark, and he thinks thunderstorms are _____ too.

a) frightening … frightened b) frightened … frightened c) frightening … frightening d) frightened … frightening

23. The twelve-hour flight was really _____, and we all felt _____ when we landed.

a) tired … tiring b) tiring … tiring c) tiring … tired d) tired … tired

24. Everyone was _____ by the final score — it was the most _____ result of the season.

a) surprising … surprised b) surprised … surprising c) surprised … surprised d) surprising … surprising

25. I was _____ with the hotel — the food was _____ and the room was dirty.

a) disappointing … disappointed b) disappointed … disappointed c) disappointing … disappointing d) disappointed … disappointing

26. Which sentence is correct?

a) Ella is exciting about her party — it's going to be excited.
b) Ella is excited about her party — it's going to be excited.
c) Ella is excited about her party — it's going to be exciting.
d) Ella is exciting about her party — it's going to be exciting.

27. Which sentence is correct?

a) It was so embarrassing when my phone rang during the exam.
b) It was so embarrassed when my phone rang during the exam.
c) It was so embarassing when my phone rang during the exam.
d) It was so embarrass when my phone rang during the exam.

28. Which sentence is correct?

a) Our guide was so bored to listen to that I fell asleep.
b) Our guide was so bore to listen to that I fell asleep.
c) Our guide was so boreing to listen to that I fell asleep.
d) Our guide was so boring to listen to that I fell asleep.

29. Which sentence is correct?

a) It was terrified to drive through the snow at night.
b) It was terrifying to drive through the snow at night.
c) It was terrify to drive through the snow at night.
d) It was terrifing to drive through the snow at night.

30. Which sentence is correct?

a) I'm annoying with Sam — his jokes are so annoyed.
b) I'm annoyed with Sam — his jokes are so annoyed.
c) I'm annoying with Sam — his jokes are so annoying.
d) I'm annoyed with Sam — his jokes are so annoying.

Answer Key

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1. a) bored

With nothing to do, I had the feeling, so -ed: got bored.

2. c) boring

A film can't feel anything — it causes the feeling, so -ing: so boring.

3. b) interested

She has the feeling, and the feeling takes -ed + in: interested in old cars.

4. a) tiring

The journey makes people tired, so -ing: a long, tiring journey.

5. d) excited

The children have the feeling — they couldn't sleep — so -ed: so excited about the trip.

6. b) surprised

By introduces the cause, so the person takes -ed: surprised by.

7. c) shocking

Prices can't feel anything; they cause the shock, so -ing: shocking.

8. a) worried

Worry ends in a consonant + y, so the y becomes i before -ed: worried.

9. b) amazing

A view can't feel anything — it causes the feeling, so -ing: was amazing.

10. c) embarrassed

I felt tells you how the speaker felt, so -ed: embarrassed, with double r and double s — embarassed is a common misspelling.

11. b) tired

Look here says how the person seems to feel, so -ed: You look tired.

12. a) frightening

Find + a thing + adjective gives your opinion of what causes the feeling, so -ing: too frightening.

13. d) annoyed

Tom has the feeling, so -ed: Tom was annoyed that I forgot.

14. c) frightened

The children feel the fear, and the feeling + of takes -ed: frightened of the dog.

15. a) interesting

You love listening to him, so he causes the interest: he's so interesting.

16. d) worrying

The news causes the worry, so -ing: very worrying.

17. c) confused

I still felt describes the speaker's own feeling, so -ed: confused.

18. d) exciting

The adjective describes the match, and a match causes excitement, so -ing: What an exciting match!

19. a) annoying

The brother causes the feeling — he takes my phone — so -ing: He's so annoying.

20. b) relaxed

I felt describes my own feeling after the week, so -ed: relaxed.

21. a) interested … boring

I feel it, interested in; the matches cause it, boring.

22. d) frightened … frightening

The boy feels the fear, frightened of the dark; storms cause it, frightening.

23. c) tiring … tired

The flight caused the feeling, so tiring; we all felt says how the people felt, so tired.

24. b) surprised … surprising

People feel it, was surprised by; the result caused it, surprising.

25. d) disappointed … disappointing

I feel it, disappointed with the hotel; the food caused it, disappointing.

26. c) Ella is excited about her party — it's going to be exciting.

Ella feels it, excited about her party; the party causes it, exciting.

27. a) It was so embarrassing when my phone rang during the exam.

It is the situation that caused the feeling, so -ing: embarrassing.

28. d) Our guide was so boring to listen to that I fell asleep.

Listening to the guide made me bored, so he caused the feeling: so boring to listen to.

29. b) It was terrifying to drive through the snow at night.

It was … to drive describes the experience, and the experience caused the fear, so -ing: terrifying.

30. d) I'm annoyed with Sam — his jokes are so annoying.

I feel it, annoyed with Sam; his jokes cause it, annoying.