Adjectives: -ed / -ing Forms

Many adjectives can end in -ed or -ing. For example:
- I’m excited about tomorrow.
- This is an exciting book.

When the adjective ends in -ed, it describes the feeling of something. For example:
- I’m interested in modern art. (This is my personal feeling)
- I was really bored yesterday.

When the adjective ends in -ing, it describes the feeling given by something. For example:
- Modern art is interesting. ("Modern art" can’t feel, but it makes me feel interested.)
- The news was shocking. (The "news" gives us a shocking feeling)

Compare:
- He’s bored. - He has nothing to do, he’s not enjoying himself. This describes his feeling.
- He’s boring. - He’s not an interesting person. This describes the feeling he gives to other people.

Below are some common adjective pairs using -ed/-ing.
Note that the adjective doesn’t change with number.

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<td>annoy - I don’t get annoyed easily.</td>
<td>annoying - Noisy mobile phones can be annoying.</td>
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<td>amazed - I’m amazed by her artistic talent.</td>
<td>amazing - The concert last night was amazing.</td>
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<td>confused - I asked the teacher, but we were still confused.</td>
<td>confusing - This textbook is really confusing.</td>
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<td>disappointed - They were disappointed the weather was not good.</td>
<td>disappointing - Yesterday’s weather was disappointing.</td>
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<td>surprised - I was surprised to see you.</td>
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Complete the sentences using -ing adjectives or -ed adjectives.

Example: The girl seemed _____ in my thoughts and opinions.
   a) interested b) interested - Answer a) is correct.

1. The children looked _____ by the old toys.
   a) fascinated        b) fascinating

2. I felt _____ after just a short time in the forest.
   a) invigorated       b) invigorating

3. It was very _____ to win our first game of the season.
   a) bad               b) badly

4. The recent downward trend in poverty seems _____.
   a) encouraged        b) encouraging

5. _____ at the thought of moving away, Jonathon began to cry.
   a) Terrified        b) Terrifying

6. When you're not in good spirits, it is _____ to stay in bed all day.
   a) tempted           b) tempting

7. One finding that appeared _____ was that birth rates were declining.
   a) troubled          b) troubling

8. Never had Ann felt so _____ by the landscape she traveled through.
   a) charmed           b) charming

9. As _____ as it is to be with others, it's crucial to spend some time alone.
   a) comforted         b) comforting

10. The working mother was _____ at the thought of being labeled a "homemaker."
    a) amused            b) amusing