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GRAMMAR TUTORIALS

Grammar Explanation

Using adjectives with -ed and -ing endings correctly

Some verbs become adjectives when *-ing* or *-ed* endings are added to them. However, their meanings are different depending on which of the two endings they have.

- Use *-ed* adjectives such as *interested*, *excited* when you describe feelings or emotions that someone experiences.
 - Example: Alex was really **excited** when he found out that he had won the scholarship.
- Use *-ing* adjectives such as *interesting*, *exciting* to describe something that causes these feelings or emotions.
 - Example: Winning such a highly competitive scholarship is an **exciting** opportunity for Alex to pursue his education.

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