tedious

te·di·ous BrE ['ti dias NAmE ['ti dias adjective

lasting or taking too long and not interesting

Syn: [†]boring

- The journey soon became tedious.
- We had to listen to the tedious details of his operation.
 Derived Words [†]tediously = [†]tediousness

Word Origin:

[tedious tediously tediousness] late Middle English: from Old French tedieus or late Latin taediosus, from Latin taedium, from taedere 'be weary of'.

Synonyms:

boring

dull • tedious

These words all describe a subject, activity, person or place that is not interesting or exciting.

boring • not interesting; making you feel tired and impatient: = He's such a boring man! \diamond = She found her job very boring. **dull** • not interesting or exciting: = Life in a small town could be deadly dull.

tedious • lasting or taking too long and not interesting, so that you feel bored and impatient: = The journey soon became tedious. to be boring/dull/tedious **for** sb

boring/dull/tedious subjects/books

boring/dull/tedious jobs/work/games

- a boring/dull place/man/woman/person
- deadly boring/dull

Example Bank:

- Her visits were starting to get a bit tedious.
- The joke became increasingly tedious.
- It was tedious, repetitive work.
- The was a long, unutterably tedious wait.
- We had to listen to all the tedious details of his operation.

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te di ous /'ti diəs BrE AmE adjective

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Late Latin; Origin: taediosus, from Latin taedium, from taedere 'to disgust, make tired'] something that is tedious continues for a long time and is not interesting SYN boring:

The work was tiring and tedious.

-tediously adverb:

a tediously long film

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• boring not interesting in any way: a boring speech | He found school incredibly boring.

• not very interesting [not before noun] very ordinary and therefore rather boring. People often use this phrase in everyday English, instead of saying directly that something is **boring**: The story wasn't very interesting.

- dull especially written boring: The conference was usually a dull affair. | Life was never dull.

• tedious /'ti dias very boring and continuing for a long time: The process was tedious and slow. | Jake began the tedious task of sorting through his papers.

■ monotonous /mə'nptənəs \$ mə'na□/ boring and always the same: The work was monotonous and unchallenging. | He was only half listening to the monotonous voice of the teacher.

• **mundane** /mʌn'deɪn/ rather boring, because it is connected with things you do regularly as part of your daily life: He busied himself with the mundane task of cleaning the house.] Most arguments are over mundane issues like spending or saving money.

humdrum /'hʌmdrʌm/ [usually before noun] boring because nothing new or interesting ever happens: He wanted to escape his humdrum life.] a humdrum existence

• dry a subject, piece of writing etc that is dry is boring because it is very serious and does not contain any humour: The students complained that the lecture was dry and uninspiring. | a dry academic volume

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