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USE OF ENGLISH

Adjectives ending in -ed and -ing

1 ★ Choose the correct words.

Ann: How was your first day at work?
 Max: Hmm. It was OK, but I found a lot of things really ¹confused / confusing.
 Ann: Well, that's not ²surprised / surprising. It was your first day.
 Max: I know. But I made lots of mistakes, so it was also quite ³embarrassed / embarrassing. To be honest, I feel a little ⁴depressed / depressing.
 Ann: Oh, Max. Don't be silly! Tomorrow will be better. What about the work? Is it ⁵interested / interesting?
 Max: It is, yes. I admit that I was a little ⁶frustrated / frustrating, but my day certainly wasn't ⁷bored / boring. And I think the job will be very ⁸rewarded / rewarding.
 Ann: Well, then. So don't be ⁹annoyed / annoying with yourself. Give it a little more time and everything will be perfect! Let's have an ice cream to celebrate finishing your first day!

REMEMBER THIS

Everybody was **interested** in the exhibition.
 What an **interesting** exhibition!

Sometimes instead of the -ing form of the adjective, a different form is used:

I was **scared** to death while I was watching the film.
 What a **scary** film!

Tom was too **stressed** to say anything.
 An exam is an example of a very **stressful** situation.

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

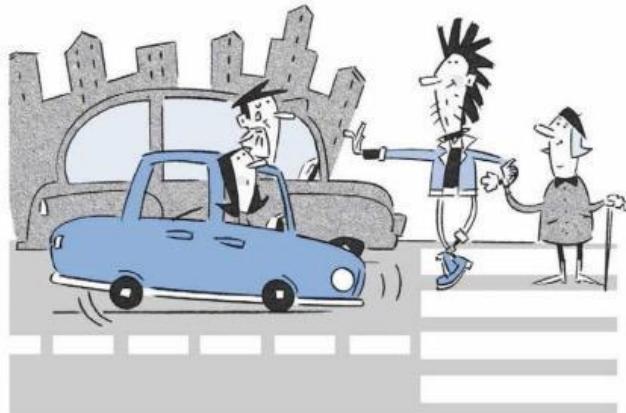
The food in our canteen at work is **disgusting**.
 Everything tastes horrible! **DISGUST**

- 1 My first day at work was really _____. I learnt lots of new things and met some great people. **EXCITE**
- 2 James works as a skiing instructor. It's physical work, so that's why he's always so _____ all of the time. **EXHAUST**
- 3 Amy's job is quite badly paid. She finds this _____ because she works very hard and earlier studied for six years. **DISAPPOINT**
- 4 Sarah read on the Internet about a charity organisation in Africa. Now she's feeling _____ and wants to apply for a job with them. **INSPIRE**
- 5 I get five weeks' paid holiday in my new job. It's _____. I only had two in my last company. **AMAZE**
- 6 One of the most _____ things about my job is that it's very stressful. **WORRY**

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with missing adjectives. The first letters are given.

My boss is always very **encouraging**. He says very positive things about my work.

- 1 Working outdoors all day in this heat is very **t_____**. I think I'll go to bed early tonight.
- 2 Guess what? Viviana got the shop assistant job that she really wanted. She's absolutely **d_____**, so she's having a party to celebrate!
- 3 I was so **s_____** of making a mistake on my first day in the office that I didn't manage to do very much work at all.
- 4 Karl thought he was going to get the sack yesterday. He was very **r_____** when his boss only gave him a warning.
- 5 Janice was **a_____** when they fired her. It was a complete surprise.
- 6 I saw something so **m_____** this morning that I nearly cried. A big punk guy was stopping the traffic to help a little old lady cross the road.



4 ★★ Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct form. Do not change the order of the words. You may need to add words. Use no more than six words

Mrs Bennet: The new tour guide **is a charming man** (be / charm / man). I'm sure you'll like him.

Mr Bennet: I can't wait to meet him.

- 1 Don: I'm a firefighter.
- 2 Kim: What are your colleagues at work like?
 Jon: To be honest, I _____ (be / real / irritate) by what they think about our company.
- 3 Ella: What _____ (be / stressful) thing in your work you've ever done?
 Jill: Giving a presentation to a big audience.
- 4 Petra: How did your first lesson with class B go?
 Greg: Don't even ask. I _____ (be / extremely / embarrass) when I entered the classroom 13 minutes late and saw all those eyes looking up at me.

- 5 Journalist: Do you like being a farmer?
 Farmer: Yes, I do. I think work on a farm _____ (be / very / relax) for me.