

20 Adjectives (2): opposites

A Describing qualities

People have **mixed feelings** about the new city hotel.
Here are some comments:

The rooms were **pleasant** but I didn't like the **artificial** flowers.

I quite like the **modern** design – simple but **effective**.

Most of the staff were **temporary**, but they seemed very good.

Our room was nice, but we thought the **public** areas were a bit dull.



They put chocolates in our room, which was very **unexpected**.

We were **pleased** our room was at the back, where it was quiet.

Being in the centre of town, it was very **convenient**.

GLOSSARY

mixed feelings	both positive (+) and negative (-) feelings about sth
pleasant	(of a place) nice, attractive
artificial	made by people and used instead of sth natural OPP real OR natural
modern	of the present time OPP old-fashioned
effective	successful and giving the result you want OPP ineffective
temporary	only continuing for a short time OPP permanent
public	free for anybody to use OPP private
pleased	happy about a particular event or situation OPP unhappy
unexpected	If sth is unexpected , it surprises you because you didn't know it was going to happen. OPP expected
convenient	near to a place or easy to get to OPP inconvenient

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

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| ▶ an old-fashioned | f | a worker |
| 1 mixed | | b result |
| 2 a private | | c party |
| 3 a temporary | | d light |
| 4 an unexpected | | e architecture |
| 5 natural | | f dress ✓ |
| 6 modern | | g feelings |

2 Replace the underlined adjective with an opposite.

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| ▶ I had <u>negative</u> feelings. | <u>positive</u> | 4 Is that <u>real</u> snow? | |
| 1 They had <u>old-fashioned</u> furniture. | | 5 We were <u>unhappy</u> with the meal. | |
| 2 It's a really <u>convenient</u> location. | | 6 It was an <u>effective</u> method. | |
| 3 I wanted to meet in a <u>private</u> place. | | 7 The visit was <u>expected</u> . | |
| | | 8 It's a <u>temporary</u> arrangement. | |

3 Complete the sentences with suitable adjectives.

- ▶ She's only a temporary member of staff. I think she's leaving next week.
- I have feelings about working abroad: part of me wants to, but I'd miss my family.
 - The doctor gave me tablets for the pain, but they weren't very My back still hurts.
 - I was very with the decorators. They did a great job.
 - She wears clothes that make her look like something from the 1990s – they're very old
 - My sister's going to have a baby. It was completely, but we're all very happy about it.
 - My flat is very for the station – it's only a five-minute walk away.
 - A lot of people don't like art because they don't understand it.
 - Sometimes Ava is very positive, but she can also be quite
 - I had a temporary contract, but they've made it now, which is good.
 - My son hasn't worked hard so he isn't to pass the exam.



TEST YOURSELF

B Pairs of opposites

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR OPINIONS!

- Do you like books or films about **imaginary** worlds?
- Do you prefer wearing **baggy** jeans or **tight** jeans?
- Do you prefer **indoor** swimming pools or **outdoor** pools?
- Do you own anything which is **rare**?
- When you drive somewhere, do you always look for the most **direct** route?
- In English law, you are **innocent** until proven **guilty**. Do you agree with that idea?
- Is it always good to be a **careful** driver?
- What's the most **useful** piece of advice anyone has given you?

GLOSSARY

imaginary	not real; only in your mind OPP real
baggy	If clothes are baggy , they are big and loose. OPP tight
indoor	done or used inside a building OPP outdoor
rare	If sth is rare , you do not find or see it often. OPP common
direct	as straight as possible, without turning or stopping OPP indirect
innocent	If you are innocent , you have not done anything wrong. OPP guilty
careful	thinking about what you are doing so that you do not make a mistake or have an accident OPP careless
useful	good and helpful for doing sth OPP useless

SPOTLIGHT adjectives ending in -ful and -less

Some adjectives are formed by adding -ful to the noun, with the meaning 'full of' or 'having a lot of', e.g. **careful**, **useful**, **painful**, **powerful**. The opposite is sometimes formed by adding -less (= without) to the noun, e.g. **careless**, **useless**, **powerless** and **painless**. This is not always true, e.g. **wonderful** (NOT **wonderless**).

- 4 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D.
Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

- baggy / imaginary D
1 careful / rare
2 guilty / tight
3 common / wonderful

- 4 powerful / wonderful
5 imaginary / innocent
6 innocent / useless
7 useful / careful

- 5 Good news or bad news? Write G or B.

- We've got a real problem. B
1 He's got a rare illness.
2 The injection was painless.
3 It's a direct route.

- 4 This tin opener is useless.
5 They found her innocent.
6 They found her guilty.
7 The book was useful.

- 6 Replace the underlined word with an opposite.

- an indoor game an outdoor game
1 a tight shirt
2 a common mistake
3 a direct route

- 4 a powerful group
5 real people in a book
6 a careless driver
7 an innocent man

- 7 Complete the sentences.

- Will is a common name these days. I know lots of people called Will.
1 Mika needs to check his work more: he makes lots of mistakes.
2 This belt is very: it's difficult to breathe.
3 The teacher said that George stole the pen, but George says he's
4 It's not a very cold climate, so it's to have temperatures below zero degrees.
5 I want to take a train so that I get there as quickly as possible.
6 They found him of several crimes. He'll be in prison for four years.

- 8 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers to the questions at the top of the page, or talk to another student.

- Yes, I do - especially films, such as The Shape of Water



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