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# TOTALLY EMOTIONAL

## VOCABULARY

### Expressing emotions

#### 1 Match the words and phrases to the meanings.

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|-----------------|-------|
| 1 optimistic    | ..... |
| 2 pessimistic   | ..... |
| 3 over the moon | ..... |
| 4 furious       | ..... |
| 5 scared        | ..... |
| 6 fed up        | ..... |
| 7 relieved      | ..... |
| 8 depressed     | ..... |
| 9 content       | ..... |
- a happy that something unpleasant has not happened  
b very pleased about something  
c very angry  
d unhappy and without hope for the future  
e frightened  
f always believing that bad things are likely to happen  
g annoyed or bored by something that you have experienced for too long  
h always believing that good things will happen  
i pleased with your situation and not hoping for change or improvement

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the words in Exercise 1.

- I'm really ..... of horror films.
- I was ..... with the person who stole my bike.
- I was ..... about winning first prize in the essay competition.
- I'm really ..... with my brother for borrowing my laptop without asking me.
- He's feeling ..... about passing his exams tomorrow because he didn't revise much.
- I'm feeling ..... about passing my exams because I've done lots of revision.
- I was ..... about finding our lost cat safe and well this morning.
- I sometimes get ..... about all the bad news I see on TV.
- She's a very happy person who is ..... with her life.

#### 3 Choose the correct words. Sometimes two are correct.

- Our new teacher is really good fun. She's always *anxious* / *depressed* / *cheerful*.
- Mum was angry when I got home late last night, but I know that it was because she was *down* / *concerned* / *anxious* about me.
- Jude was a bit *irritated* / *relieved* / *content* because I was late again.
- When my brother wasn't allowed to go on the school trip he was really *content* / *over the moon* / *bad-tempered* all day.
- Our cousins have got a huge dog and my little sister was *scared* / *fed up* / *petrified* of it when they visited us.
- I was really *down* / *cheerful* / *depressed* about failing my exams.

#### 4 Find the odd word out.

- |             |           |            |               |
|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 1 down      | depressed | cheerful   | pessimistic   |
| 2 irritated | concerned | furious    | bad-tempered  |
| 3 fed up    | relieved  | optimistic | over the moon |
| 4 content   | cheerful  | concerned  | relieved      |
| 5 furious   | petrified | scared     | anxious       |

## READING



### PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

#### Reading and Use of English Part 1

#### 1 Read the first three paragraphs of the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

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|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0 A about     | B around   | C for        | D with        |
| 1 A left      | B missed   | C escaped    | D avoided     |
| 2 A example   | B enquiry  | C experiment | D examination |
| 3 A nearby    | B about    | C throughout | D around      |
| 4 A state     | B shape    | C position   | D frame       |
| 5 A grow      | B increase | C climb      | D spread      |
| 6 A goals     | B reasons  | C points     | D objects     |
| 7 A sensitive | B alive    | C informed   | D aware       |
| 8 A slightly  | B almost   | C hardly     | D little      |



### EXAM TIPS

- If you don't know the answer, try to decide which options do not fit the gap and choose a different one.
- Read the whole text through again to check it makes sense.



# Happily bored!



Have you ever complained (0) about being bored? Most of us have. Many people think of boredom as something to be (1) \_\_\_\_\_, but being bored can actually lead to great things.

Here is an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for you to try. Just do nothing for a moment. **Observe** your thoughts. Your brain isn't doing nothing, is it? It's listening and watching, processing everything (3) \_\_\_\_\_ you, and it may seem quite busy. Your brain is in *Beta mode*. In this (4) \_\_\_\_\_, we act and get things done. Beta brainwaves (5) \_\_\_\_\_ when we are learning, talking or excited. They help us to focus and achieve (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Now try being truly bored. Just sit there and try not to think of anything. Gradually, you may notice that your thoughts become less busy. You may become (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the little sounds and events that surround you. You may begin to think things that had never crossed your mind before. Or you might (8) \_\_\_\_\_ think at all.

When your brain is this inactive, you are said to be in *Alpha mode*. Alpha waves happen when we are very peaceful or relaxed. Our breathing slows. People who spend more time in this state are more likely to **daydream**, and tend to fall asleep and stay asleep more easily. They might also get less stuff done!

Scientists use a special electronic **device** to measure brain activity and they can tell whether the brain is in Alpha or Beta mode. Everyone's brainwave activity changes all the time, depending on what they are doing or feeling.

Famous creative thinker Steve Jobs, who co-founded Apple Computers and directed the development of

iPads and other new technology, said, 'Boredom allows us to experience **curiosity**, and out of curiosity comes everything.' He spent many productive hours being bored, and ended up having some pretty amazing ideas.

Scientist Albert Einstein said, 'The monotony of a quiet life stimulates the creative mind.' Just imagine him sitting there with nothing to do, twiddling his thumbs and daydreaming. Do you think young Albert would have had the flashes of inspiration which led to his famous theories if he'd had a mobile phone or computer with games on it back in 1903? Or would he have been too busy trying to reach the next stage in his favourite game?

You didn't know daydreaming was a valuable activity, did you? Many large companies, like Google and Pixar Animation, see creativity as a major business advantage, and they reward their most creative daydreamers for coming up with original ideas. They even have special rooms for encouraging daydreaming, complete with comfortable sofas. People that work at these companies are encouraged to relax and stare into space sometimes, because the companies can see what great ideas come out of these daydreaming sessions. Employees should be careful that they don't actually fall asleep though.

It can be hard to find the time to be bored. If you are lucky enough to have quiet time or simple, repetitive jobs to do, enjoy those moments of **boredom**. You might have an inspiring thought while you are peeling potatoes, or come up with the next brilliant idea for a story while you're watching the rain run down the window. And that's not boring at all, is it?

## 2 Are the sentences true or false, or is there no information given in the text?

|                                                                 | True  | False | Not given |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1 The brain is more active in the Beta state.                   | ..... | ..... | .....     |
| 2 Some people are always in the same brain state.               | ..... | ..... | .....     |
| 3 Steve Jobs was less creative when he was in Alpha state.      | ..... | ..... | .....     |
| 4 Albert Einstein had some very good ideas when he was at work. | ..... | ..... | .....     |
| 5 Google and Pixar encourage their employees to sleep at work.  | ..... | ..... | .....     |
| 6 People should always try to avoid being bored.                | ..... | ..... | .....     |

## 3 Match the **highlighted** words in the text to the meanings.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 the state of being bored                                                | ..... |
| 2 have pleasant thoughts about something you like or would like to happen | ..... |
| 3 the feeling of wanting to know about something                          | ..... |
| 4 watch something carefully                                               | ..... |
| 5 piece of equipment used for a particular purpose                        | ..... |