Vocabulary

-ed / *-ing* adjectives

1 Complete the story about Happy Holly. Use the words in brackets. Add ***-ed*** or ***-ing***. Sometimes the spelling changes.

Happy Holly!



Holly Summers is very happy with her life. She thinks her drama course is really [1] ***interesting*** (*interest*), but it isn't easy, and she has a lot to learn, so she finds it very [2]_____ (*challenge*) as well.

Her teachers have told her that they are more than [3]_____ (*satisfy*) with her acting ability and Holly is obviously [4]_____ (*delight*) to hear that. She has always wanted to act, and has an [5]_____ (*overwhelm*) passion for the theatre.

Holly shares a flat with her sister, who's a nurse. It's a tiny flat but it's on the fourth floor and has [6]_____ (*stun*) views over the city. The sisters find it very [7]_____ (*excite*) to be living in a big, cosmopolitan city like Manchester, but they are too [8]_____ (*exhaust*) at the end of each day to have much of a social life.

2 Complete the story about Miserable Max. Use the words from the box below. Add ***-ed*** or ***-ing***. Sometimes the spelling changes.

bore	worry	confuse	frighten	annoy	~~disappoint~~	tire	please

Miserable Max!



Max isn't happy at all. He has just started a new job and he is both [1] ***disappointed*** and [2]_____ because his salary is much less than he was promised. This is really [3]_____ for Max because he was out of work for a long time, and has a lot of debts. Also, his new boss doesn't seem [4]_____ with his work so far. She doesn't explain clearly what she wants him to do, which is very [5]_____ for him, and he is too [6]_____ to ask her many questions.

All these problems mean that Max isn't sleeping well, so he always arrives at work feeling [7]_____ and he sometimes falls asleep at his desk. And his work colleagues don't help – they're no fun at all, they're all really [8]_____.
Poor, miserable Max.

Antonyms

3 Match an adjective in **A** with its opposite in **B**.

A	B
1 hard-working	a part-time
2 old-fashioned	b stressful
3 casual	c lazy
4 good-looking	d smart
5 full-time	e rude
6 polite	f modern
7 relaxing	g unattractive

A	B
8 quiet	h light
9 easy-going	i tiny
10 shy	j moody
11 enormous	k boring
12 second-hand	l noisy
13 heavy	m sociable
14 thrilling	n brand-new

4 Complete the conversations with a word from the boxes in exercise 3.

1 'He isn't very polite, is he?'
'No. In fact, he's incredibly ***rude***.'

2 'They really need to modernize the way they work.'
'True. Some of their business practices are very _____.'

3 'Camping is not a relaxing holiday, is it?
'I know, it can be a very _____ way of spending a holiday.'

4 'Jane's such a lazy person.'
'Strange. Her brother is very _____.'

5 'You can't wear jeans to an interview! You've got to look _____!

6 'Can I help you with that bag? It looks very _____.'
'Thank you! That's really kind of you.'

7 'My sister's really difficult – one minute she's kind, the next she's horrible.'
'She sounds like a typical _____ teenager to me.'

8 'Look at the size of that sunflower!'
'Wow, it's absolutely _____! It's even taller than Ben!'

9 'I don't really want to go to Kim's party.'
'Oh, come on! You really have to try to be more _____.'

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