VOCABULARY *-ing / -ed* adjectives

1 Cross out two nouns that do not usually go with the *–ing* adjectives.

1 relaxing holiday / friend / weekend / massage / food
2 annoying neighbour / disaster / mobile phone ring / success / habit
3 disappointing problem / result / ending / exam grade / clothes
4 confusing atmosphere / situation / idea / explanation / skill
5 exciting sleep / development / help / news / story
6 inspiring crime / leader / speech / plan / loss

2 Choose the correct words.

1 You walk out of the place completely *relaxed / relaxing*. And they don't play that *boring / bored* whale music, which is a relief.
2 I had to give my height, weight, and my age – it was so *embarrassed / embarrassing*. I was a bit *shocked / shocking* when I saw how much weight I'd put on.
3 I'm not sure I'm in the correct level. I'm always so *confused / confusing* at the end of the lesson. And concentrating for an hour is *exhausting / exhausted*.
4 I didn't expect it to be so beautiful. I was quite *surprising / surprised* when I saw the scenery. But our flight was delayed, which was *annoyed / annoying*.
5 I wasn't very *interested / interesting* in the characters. And the ending was *disappointed / disappointing*.

3 What are the people in exercise 2 talking about? Match 1–5 above to a–e.

a a gym
b a novel
c a trip
d a language school
e a health spa

4 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A: If you don't mind, I'd like to change channels before the news. There's an ..... (interest) programme on at 8 p.m.
B: Go ahead. I don't want to watch the news. It's always so ..... (depress).
2 A: Can you believe that score – six nil? I've never been so ..... (disappoint).
B: I know. I was so ..... (excite) at the start of the season.
3 A: Do you fancy coming for a walk? The view over the beach is meant to be ..... (amaze).
B: Thanks, but I'm not up to it. I feel ..... (exhaust) after that journey.
4 A: Only ten people turned up to my party. I don't think I've ever been so ..... (embarrass).
B: That's a shame. It's very ..... (annoy) when people let you down.