

12.2 VOCABULARY

DESCRIBING EMOTIONAL IMPACT

A Match the halves to make complete sentences.

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| 1 Spending time with someone who always complains _____ | a it really stressed me out. |
| 2 A good book _____ | b can make somebody's day. |
| 3 When I lost my house keys, _____ | c can capture a person's imagination. |
| 4 Offering your friend comforting advice _____ | d is a real downer. |
| 5 Getting a surprise gift _____ | e may put their mind at rest. |
| 6 If you exercise and eat healthy, _____ | f to try to brighten him up. |
| 7 After Sam failed the exam, his father spoke to him _____ | g it will do you good. |

B Circle the correct phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 Will's depressed. We have to find some way to *brighten up his life* / *get him down*.
- 2 Cynthia won't stop talking about politics. It's really *making my day* / *stressing me out*.
- 3 I was feeling fine until I heard the bad news. It *ruined my day* / *made my day*.
- 4 Have you read this book? The way it's written really *captured my imagination* / *did me good*.
- 5 Please don't tell Barbara. I don't want to *capture her imagination* / *get her down*.

C Read the situations. Then circle the best answer.

- 1 Ally felt awful. She was tired and her head hurt. So, she drank a cup of tea and then started to feel a bit better.
a The tea did her good.
b The tea made her day.
- 2 Frank failed the test and he felt horrible. Then his friend Mike reminded him that this was only their first test and he could still get a good grade for the course. This made Frank feel better.
a Mike took Frank's mind off the problem.
b Mike raised Frank's spirits.
- 3 Clara went to see the new movie, *Dark Skies*. When it was over, she couldn't stop thinking about it.
a The movie took her mind off things.
b The movie left a lasting impression.
- 4 Amy was feeling sad because she did not get the job she wanted, so her friend Alex took her to the movies and then out to dinner.
a Alex wanted to leave a lasting impression on Amy.
b Alex wanted to take Amy's mind off what happened.
- 5 Budd woke up in a bad mood, but when he went to check the mail, he discovered that he had been accepted to the college of his dreams. Now his bad mood was replaced by pure joy.
a The good news made his day.
b The good news took his mind off something.