

# 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

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

### 1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

- |                    |       |                |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|
| ▶ 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.

- |   |                 |   |       |
|---|-----------------|---|-------|
| ▶ 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

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

### 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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