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

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

1 Match 1–6 with a–g.

▶ an old-fashioned f
1 mixed .....
2 a private .....
3 a temporary .....
4 an unexpected .....
5 natural .....
6 modern .....

a worker
b result
c party
d light
e architecture
f dress ✓
g feelings

2 Replace the underlined adjective with an opposite.

▶ I had negative feelings. positive
1 They had old-fashioned furniture. .....
2 It's a really convenient location. .....
3 I wanted to meet in a private place. .....
4 Is that real snow? .....
5 We were unhappy with the meal. .....
6 It was an effective method. .....
7 The visit was expected. .....
8 It's a temporary arrangement. .....

3 Complete the sentences with suitable adjectives.

▶ She's only a temporary member of staff. I think she's leaving next week.
1 I have ..... feelings about working abroad: part of me wants to, but I'd miss my family.
2 The doctor gave me tablets for the pain, but they weren't very ..... . My back still hurts.
3 I was very ..... with the decorators. They did a great job.
4 She wears clothes that make her look like something from the 1990s – they're very old ..... .
5 My sister's going to have a baby. It was completely ....., but we're all very happy about it.
6 My flat is very ..... for the station – it's only a five-minute walk away.
7 A lot of people don't like ..... art because they don't understand it.
8 Sometimes Ava is very positive, but she can also be quite ..... .
9 I had a temporary contract, but they've made it ..... now, which is good.
10 My son hasn't worked hard so he isn't ..... to pass the exam.

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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

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

SPOTLIGHT adjectives ending in *-ful* and *-less* (1)

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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