

4 Complete sentence **b** so it means the same as sentence **a**, using verb+*ing*.

- 1 a If you queue-jump you can make some people very angry.
b Queue-jumping makes some people very angry.
- 2 a People are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places.
b _____ is now forbidden in many public places.
- 3 a People talk about the weather as a way of starting a conversation.
b _____ is how many people start a conversation.
- 4 a It is rude to be very late for appointments or meetings.
b _____ for appointments or meetings is rude.
- 5 a When business people meet for the first time, they usually shake hands.
b _____ is normal when business people meet for the first time.
- 6 a People who speak loudly in public on mobile phones are often seen as rude.
b _____ in public on mobile phones is often seen as rude.
- 7 a Much of the population enjoys watching soap operas.
b _____ is very popular with much of the population.
- 8 a Many people find it embarrassing to complain in restaurants.
b _____ in restaurants is embarrassing for many people.

5 Are the words/phrases in bold correct? Change the incorrect phrases.

- 1 This morning I was woken early by the neighbour's dog **bark** loudly.
- 2 **Feel** a bit annoyed, I decided to get up.
- 3 Before **going** downstairs I had a shower and got dressed.
- 4 Suddenly, I **was noticing** that my front door was open.
- 5 I could see a red car **being driven** away at top speed.
- 6 Someone had broken into my house and escaped, **take** my new TV with them.

6B

Rebel!

Compound adjectives describing character

VOCABULARY 6.2

- 1** Read the conversations about three people who have applied for a job. Look at the phrases in bold. Choose three adjectives from the box to describe each person.

self-assured big-headed self-conscious
laid-back absent-minded level-headed
narrow-minded self-centred strong-willed

A

ANNA Joanne's certainly very ¹**confident**! She's only been here a few weeks, but you wouldn't believe it!

ANDY Mmm, confident, certainly. Some might say ²**she thinks she's more important than she really is**.

ANNA True, and ³**she has a very clear idea of exactly what she wants to achieve**, which is good as long as she's prepared to listen to other people too.

Joanne is ¹ **self-assured**, ² _____ and ³ _____.



B

ANDY And what about Steve?

ANNA Well, ⁴**he's calm and sensible when he's making decisions**.

ANDY Is he? Interesting. But am I right in thinking that ⁵**he's more interested in himself than in other people**?

ANNA Yes, that's fair enough. And ⁶**he's not as open to new ideas as he could be**, which would be a bit of a problem, working with so many new people.

Steve is ⁴ _____, ⁵ _____ and ⁶ _____.

C

ANDY I really like Emma, myself. ⁷**She's a very relaxed kind of person**.

ANNA That's true. Except giving presentations in front of a lot of people – then ⁸**she does get a bit embarrassed**.

ANDY Yes, I'd noticed that. And ⁹**she tends to forget things, too**. She doesn't always concentrate that well.

ANNA So who is it to be, then? Joanne, Steve or Emma?

Emma is ⁷ _____, ⁸ _____ and ⁹ _____.