School Reading №1

Choose the correct synonyms (A or B) for adjectives 1–6.

1 disappointed
A irritated
B dissatisfied

2 confused
A puzzled
B distracted

3 surprised
A amazed
B thrilled

4 concerned
A interested
B worried

5 upset
A irritated
B sad

6 frightened
A scared
B curious

How did the people feel in these situations? Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives in the box.

impressed	disappointed	confused

1 The teacher said one thing, but the textbook said something else. I didn't know what to do.
I was _____.

2 We had hoped that the lecture would be really interesting. Unfortunately, it did not live up to expectations. We couldn't hear the lecturer's voice and the slides were very blurry.
We were _____.

3 The school was big and modern. All the classrooms were airy and fully equipped with the latest gadgets. It was quite different from the last school she had attended, where tiny classrooms were packed with twenty students.
She was _____.

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 Check the facts on this website to **ensure / insure** that you have the correct information.

2 Someone's coming to do the gardening, but mum forgot to ask him what his **wages / rates** are.

3 I've **lost / missed** count of the number of times I've got bad marks in maths!

4 If teachers don't **encourage / enforce** discipline, standards will drop at our school.

5 Somehow, our English teacher always manages to make her classes **motivational / motivating** for us.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Read the following three texts which are all concerned with school. For each question choose the answer (A, B or C) which you think fits best according to the text.

Text 1.

AFTER THE FUN

I just knew it. Mr Barker really hates me. Here I am again outside the head teacher's office. This orange seat is getting way too familiar. What will it be this time – yet another detention? I've lost count of the number I've had recently.
'Tomas Beech!' a hard voice shocks me from my thoughts. 'I'd hoped not to see you again for a while!'
'Me too sir,' I say.
'Quiet! Go in and sit down.' Then I see them. It's a real shock. My mum is crying and my dad is red-faced. I can't believe it. I want to disappear and never be seen again.

1 Why is the boy surprised?

A Someone has reported him to the head teacher.
B He is given a heavy punishment.
C He is not alone in front of the head teacher.

Text 2.

CLIFF SCHOOL *****

The new TV documentary series on schools started last night with a look at Cliff School. What a fascinating hour it was! Cliff School has excellent facilities and teaches a range of motivating subjects, both on the timetable and in extracurricular activities. However, it was a shame to see that poor punctuality and absences seemed to go unnoticed or ignored by the teachers. In addition to this, there were quite a lot of discipline problems, which affected the students badly. All the teachers are interesting characters and it will be fascinating to see how their relationships with the students develop over the next few weeks.

2 The writer of the text is

A impressed by the standard of teaching.
B convinced that the students are not benefitting from their education.
C concerned that the students are not well-controlled.

Text 3.

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3 The author of the text

A gives advice on revising for exams.
B offers a commercial solution to exam problems.
C wants to help parents teach their children.

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