

UNIT 2 A

READING AND VOCABULARY

B Read the text quickly. Match descriptions 1–3 with photos a–c.

the STORY OF SELFIES

The "age of selfies" began in the early 21st century when people started using smartphones with digital cameras. We now take over a million selfies every day! Here are three interesting selfies with their stories:

- 1 Robert Cornelius made the world's first "selfie" when he experimented with a camera in 1839. He tried to take a photo of himself, but early cameras worked very slowly, so Robert didn't move for one minute and he couldn't smile. That's why the final photo wasn't very exciting!
- 2 This terrifying selfie is of Alexander Remnev, from Russia. In May 2014, Alexander traveled to Dubai with a friend. They weren't interested in taking normal photos, so they decided to climb the Princess Tower, which is over 400 m. tall. They opened a door at the top of the building and climbed out ... and they didn't use any safety equipment. Why did they do it? They said they were bored!
- 3 Teenager Jack Surgenor was very excited when he saw Queen Elizabeth II in Northern Ireland on June 24, 2014. He quickly took a selfie and sent it to all his friends. He was very pleased, but how did the Queen feel about being in someone else's photo? We don't know, but she looked a little annoyed!



Read the text again. Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Alexander Remnev Jack Surgenor Queen Elizabeth II Robert Cornelius

- 1 _____ took a very dangerous photo.
- 2 _____ wasn't happy to be in a photo.
- 3 _____ waited a long time to take the photo.
- 4 _____ took a photo of a famous person.

A Write the simple past form of the verbs. Check your answers in the text.

1 begin _____
2 make _____

3 try _____
4 work _____

5 travel _____
6 decide _____

7 be _____ / _____
8 send _____

2.5 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the *-ed* or *-ing* adjectives. Listen and check.

1 amazed / amazing

The magic show was _____!
I was _____. The magician did some incredible tricks.



7 annoyed / annoying

I was _____ because Joe was playing loud music. It's very _____ when people make a lot of noise.



2 relaxed / relaxing

I had a really _____ weekend. I felt so _____. I took a nap on Saturday afternoon.



8 disappointed / disappointing

I failed my driving test last week. I was really _____. It's _____, but I can take the test again.



3 tired / tiring

What a long day! I'm very _____ now. It's _____ being a mother.



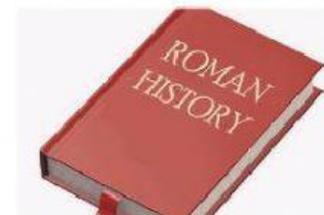
9 excited / exciting

I got my ticket for the music festival. I'm so _____. It's always _____ to go to a live concert.



4 interested / interesting

I'm _____ in Roman history. Do you have any _____ books on the subject?



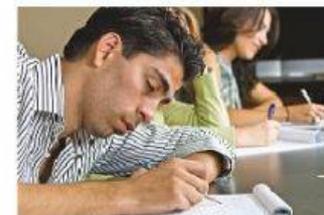
10 terrified / terrifying

I don't like this. I'm _____ of heights! I didn't think cleaning windows would be so _____.



5 bored / boring

The class was very _____ this morning. I was so _____, I fell asleep!



11 confused / confusing

These instructions are very _____. I'm completely _____. I don't know what this means.



6 embarrassed / embarrassing

I was _____ when the computer stopped working. I couldn't give my presentation. It was very _____.



12 surprised / surprising

Ana received a _____ e-mail this morning. Ana was really _____ when she read the e-mail.



Choose the correct adjectives to complete the sentences.

- 1 The class was really *interested* / *interesting*, and all the students enjoyed it.
- 2 We were all *surprised* / *surprising* when we heard Katya's news.
- 3 The photos from the concert were really *disappointed* / *disappointing*.
- 4 Are you *excited* / *exciting* about moving abroad next year?
- 5 Horror movies are *terrified* / *terrifying*. I never watch them.
- 6 The exam questions were very *confused* / *confusing*. I didn't understand them at all.
- 7 I lost my phone, so I couldn't take any photos. It was very *annoyed* / *annoying*.
- 8 I was very *embarrassed* / *embarrassing* when I arrived late.