

1 VOCABULARY: Describing emotional impact

A Circle the correct word(s) in each sentence.

- 1 He tried to raise her spirits / ruin her day by taking her out to a fancy restaurant.
- 2 All this extra work is going to make my day / stress me out.
- 3 I need to take my mind off of this matter / raise somebody's spirits for a while and just relax.
- 4 Taking a vacation right now might make your day / do you good.
- 5 The books he writes capture the imagination of children / are a real downer all over the world.
- 6 He brightens up / gets down just thinking about his boring job.
- 7 She ruined my day / put my mind at rest when she walked away without apologizing.
- 8 The memory of this vacation will do me good / leave a lasting impression on me.
- 9 Finding \$10 on the bus today really took my mind off / brightened up my day.
- 10 Rainy days can stress me out / be a real downer. They make everything look so gray.
- 11 It captured her imagination / made her day when her best friend called.
- 12 Once you know the reason, you can relax and brighten up / put your mind at rest.



B Complete the sentences using phrases from exercise 1A. More than one answer can be correct for some sentences.

- 1 When my friend is down, I brighten up her day with some chocolate ice cream.
- 2 Traffic in the morning can really _____ when I'm trying to get to work on time.
- 3 Taking the afternoon off to enjoy the sunny weather might _____.
- 4 Seeing him cry can _____ for me.
- 5 Knowing Adam was safe at home _____.
- 6 Her incredible story has _____.
- 7 I need to leave the office for a while and _____ work.
- 8 The flowers he sent _____.

2 GRAMMAR: Making non-count nouns countable

A Complete the sentences with an expression in the box.

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- 1 Do you want to have a cup of tea before you go?
- 2 She had _____ lemon pie for dessert.
- 3 This sculpture is a real _____ art.
- 4 I listened to a wonderful _____ music when I was at her house.
- 5 She bought _____ stuff at the store.
- 6 My professor gave me _____ advice about my future goals.