

Vocabulary

-ed / -ing adjectives

- 1 Complete the story about Happy Holly. Use the words in brackets. Add **-ed** or **-ing**. Sometimes the spelling changes.

Happy Holly!

Holly Summers is very happy with her life. She thinks her drama course is really ¹ interesting (interest), but it isn't easy, and she has a lot to learn, so she finds it very ² _____ (challenge) as well.

Her teachers have told her that they are more than ³ _____ (satisfy) with her acting ability and Holly is obviously ⁴ _____ (delight) to hear that. She has always wanted to act, and has an ⁵ _____ (overwhelm) passion for the theatre.

Holly shares a flat with her sister, who's a nurse. It's a tiny flat but it's on the fourth floor and has ⁶ _____ (stun) views over the city. The sisters find it very ⁷ _____ (excite) to be living in a big, cosmopolitan city like Manchester, but they are too ⁸ _____ (exhaust) at the end of each day to have much of a social life.



- 2 Complete the story about Miserable Max. Use the words from the box below. Add **-ed** or **-ing**. Sometimes the spelling changes.

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Miserable Max!

Max isn't happy at all. He has just started a new job and he is both ¹ disappointed and ² _____ because his salary is much less than he was promised. This is really ³ _____ for Max because he was out of work for a long time, and has a lot of debts. Also, his new boss doesn't seem ⁴ _____ with his work so far. She doesn't explain clearly what she wants him to do, which is very ⁵ _____ for him, and he is too ⁶ _____ to ask her many questions.

All these problems mean that Max isn't sleeping well, so he always arrives at work feeling ⁷ _____ and he sometimes falls asleep at his desk. And his work colleagues don't help – they're no fun at all, they're all really ⁸ _____. Poor, miserable Max.



Antonyms

- 3 Match an adjective in A with its opposite in B.

A	B
1 hard-working	a part-time
2 old-fashioned	b stressful
3 casual	c lazy
4 good-looking	d smart
5 full-time	e rude
6 polite	f modern
7 relaxing	g unattractive

A	B
8 quiet	h light
9 easy-going	i tiny
10 shy	j moody
11 enormous	k boring
12 second-hand	l noisy
13 heavy	m sociable
14 thrilling	n brand-new

- 4 Complete the conversations with a word from the boxes in exercise 3.

- 'He isn't very polite, is he?'
'No. In fact, he's incredibly rude.'
- 'They really need to modernize the way they work.'
'True. Some of their business practices are very _____.'
- 'Camping is not a relaxing holiday, is it?'
'I know, it can be a very _____ way of spending a holiday.'
- 'Jane's such a lazy person.'
'Strange. Her brother is very _____.'
- 'You can't wear jeans to an interview! You've got to look _____!'
- 'Can I help you with that bag? It looks very _____.'
'Thank you! That's really kind of you.'
- 'My sister's really difficult – one minute she's kind, the next she's horrible.'
'She sounds like a typical _____ teenager to me.'
- 'Look at the size of that sunflower!'
'Wow, it's absolutely _____! It's even taller than Ben!'
- 'I don't really want to go to Kim's party.'
'Oh, come on! You really have to try to be more _____.'