

6.6 Adjectives ending in -ed and -ing

Pairs of **-ed/-ing** adjectives are formed from the same verb:

amuse – **amusing** – **amused**

motivate – **motivating** – **motivated**

terrify – **terrifying** – **terrified**

Some **-ed** adjectives do not have an **-ing** equivalent:

ashamed, delighted, relieved.

We use **-ing** adjectives to describe:

- people: A **growing child** needs to eat a lot.
- objects/places: **My new office** is rather **depressing**. It's very small and dark.
- events: **The first job interview** is usually **challenging**, especially if the candidates aren't very well prepared.

We use **-ed** adjectives to describe:

- states (of people or objects): **The instructor** was a **determined** person, who wanted to teach us some new skiing techniques.
- emotions and feelings: **Maria** looked rather **confused** when she first arrived in our office.

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 It's *disappointing* / *disappointed* that my first job is so badly paid.
- 2 Working and studying at the same time is often quite *challenged* / *challenging*.
- 3 Kasia is quite *excited* / *exciting* about the idea of being self-employed.
- 4 Getting the sack can be *depressed* / *depressing* and stressful.
- 5 It's *disgusted* / *disgusting* that Elizabeth had to resign from her job after twenty-five years.
- 6 I'm really *encouraging* / *encouraged* by the fact that I won the competition.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Use -ed or -ing endings to make adjectives.

(confuse demand encourage move)
(relieve reward)

- 1 The documentary film about social workers was so _____ that I almost cried.
- 2 I had trouble finding the keys for the office, so I was _____ when I finally found them in my car.
- 3 Working for a foreign company is sometimes _____ because they do things differently.
- 4 The job of a ski instructor is quite _____ – it's not all fun in the snow!
- 5 Margot felt _____ after she read her boss's positive report on her work.
- 6 Teachers have a really hard but _____ job. Would you like to be a teacher?

3 UNIT REVIEW Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, to complete the dialogue.

- 1 **X:** How did your job interview go?
Y: They asked me a lot of personal questions and it wasn't very nice.
X: ____
A How embarrassing! **B** I'm so relieved!
C It sounds like a satisfying experience.
- 2 **X:** I'm determined to become a police officer.
Y: ____
X: I know. But I don't want to do anything too easy or repetitive.
A It's a charming job. **B** It's a rewarding job.
C It's a challenging job.
- 3 **X:** The financial situation at Paul's company does not look good.
Y: ____
A Yes, it is worrying. **B** Yes, it is worried.
C Yes, they worried.
- 4 **X:** What does your dad do?
Y: He drives a taxi all day. When he gets home, ____.
A it's exhausted
B he's exhausting
C he's exhausted
- 5 **X:** I don't understand these instructions. They're terrible!
Y: I agree. ____
A They're confusing.
B I'm confusing.
C They're confused.
- 6 **X:** There's a lot of competition in advertising.
Y: ____
X: Then you should be fine.
A Well, I like to compete.
B Well, it is a good competition.
C Well, I'm not very competitive.
- 7 **X:** You never have any free time.
Y: ____
A I know. I work night shifts.
B I know. I work long hours.
C I know. I work part-time.
- 8 **X:** Why do you want to be a taxi driver?
Y: ____
X: That's not a very good reason!
A Because I have to wear a uniform.
B Because I mustn't wear a uniform.
C Because I needn't wear a uniform.