



# Words Describing Feelings

For each of the following sentences, choose the correct word in the brackets and fill in the blank.

- 1 The coach was \_\_\_\_\_ when his team scored an upset victory over the opposing team which they had never beaten before.  
( enraged / deranged / elated / blissful )
- 2 The errant student is truly \_\_\_\_\_ and should be given a second chance.  
( morose / woeful / bored / penitent )
- 3 Consumers are simply \_\_\_\_\_ by the wide range of skin care products available in the market.  
( annoyed / outraged / relieved / bewildered )
- 4 She found the cold, steady gaze of the stranger on the bus rather \_\_\_\_\_.  
( perplexing / disconcerting / relaxing / stimulating )
- 5 It seems inevitable that most elderly people get \_\_\_\_\_ at times, perhaps forgetting how to make their way home.  
( disgusted / disoriented / harassed / restless )
- 6 The public were \_\_\_\_\_ when the son of the influential politician was acquitted of murder.  
( outraged / exasperated / bewitched / relieved )

## Vocabulary Builder

- enraged - very angry
- deranged - behaving in a crazy and often dangerous way
- blissful - very happy
- errant - not obedient or faithful
- morose - silent, bad-tempered and unhappy
- woeful - pitiful and miserable
- penitent - feeling sorry for doing something wrong
- outraged - very angry
- bewildered - confused
- gaze - to look at someone or something for a long time without turning away
- disconcerting - making you feel confused and embarrassed
- stimulating - exciting
- inevitable - cannot stop from happening
- disoriented - confused and not clear about what is happening around you
- harassed - feel bothered or annoyed because you have too many things to deal with
- restless - not willing to stay where you are because of nervousness or boredom
- acquit - to say in court that a person is not guilty of a crime
- exasperated - very annoyed
- bewitch - to be so interested in something that you cannot think clearly

- 7 The revelations of the prince's scandalous affairs in the tabloids were most \_\_\_\_\_ for the royal family.  
( touching / tormenting / mortifying / gratifying )
- 8 He remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite the setbacks and criticisms, confident that he could weather the storm and succeed eventually.  
( unconcerned / unfazed / unmoved / unrepentant )
- 9 Who could really understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mother who had just lost her only child in the accident?  
( anguish / hope / discomfiture / annoyance )
- 10 I wondered who could be knocking at the door at that hour of the night. With some \_\_\_\_\_, I opened the door.  
( repentance / hope / expectation / trepidation )
- 11 The embattled troops were eventually overcome by \_\_\_\_\_ after days of continual fighting.  
( boredom / fatigue / despair / fear )
- 12 The corrupt official absolutely has no \_\_\_\_\_ about exploiting the poor peasants to enrich himself.  
( doubt / pangs / care / qualms )
- 13 Have you ever experienced \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of a gruelling race?  
( exhaustion / lethargy / laziness / sleepiness )
- 14 The \_\_\_\_\_ workers were instigated to go on strike.  
( dejected / disgusted / disgruntled / placid )

- revelation - something shocking or surprising that was not known previously
- tabloid - a newspaper with a lot of pictures and information about people, etc. instead of serious news
- tormenting - making someone suffer mentally and physically
- mortifying - great embarrassment
- gratifying - satisfying
- setback - a problem that delays progress
- unfazed - not shocked by something bad that has happened
- unrepentant - not ashamed of your behaviour even though other people disapprove it
- anguish - worrying so much that you suffer mentally and physically
- discomfiture - feeling uncomfortable and annoyed
- trepidation - a feeling of anxiety and fear about what is going to happen
- embattled - having many problems
- fatigue - tiredness
- despair - a feeling that there is no hope
- exploit - to treat someone unfairly by not giving the person enough in return for what he has done
- qualm - a feeling of slight worry or doubt about doing something
- gruelling - very difficult and tiring
- lethargy - lack of energy
- instigate - to get someone to do something bad
- dejected - unhappy and disappointed
- disgruntled - annoyed because of the way things have turned out
- placid - used to refer to a person who does not get angry or upset easily

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- 15 Annie is still \_\_\_\_\_ about whether she should accept the overseas posting.  
( doubtful / tormented / perturbed / bemused )
- 16 Howard did not show any \_\_\_\_\_ for having betrayed his good friend and causing his downfall.  
( contrition / enthusiasm / inhibition / dilemma )
- 17 Mrs Gordon was \_\_\_\_\_ by the news of the plane crash which killed her husband and son.  
( flustered / stunned / devastated / amazed )
- 18 Mr Benson's \_\_\_\_\_ is understandable as he has had a long and hard day at the office.  
( grouchiness / irritation / harassment / contrition )
- 19 Hannah was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ by the news of her father's arrest and impending trial.  
( perplexed / downcast / harried / distressed )
- 20 Hope eventually gave way to \_\_\_\_\_ when the graduate failed to secure a job after countless applications and interviews.  
( despondency / optimism / empathy / sympathy )

- perturbed - worried about something that will happen or has happened
- bemused - confused
- downfall - loss of position, money, etc.
- inhibition - a feeling of shyness or embarrassment that stops you from doing something
- dilemma - hard to decide between two choices that are either equally bad or equally good
- flustered - feeling confused and nervous
- devastated - feeling very shocked and unhappy
- grouchiness - in a bad mood because of tiredness
- contrition - feeling sorry and guilty for what you have done
- harried - constantly asking someone for something such that it annoys them
- distressed - upset
- despondency - very unhappy and losing hope or enthusiasm
- optimism - a belief that good things will always happen
- sympathy - feeling sorry for someone

20 despondency  
19 distressed  
18 grouchiness  
17 devastated

16 contrition  
15 doubtful  
14 disgruntled  
13 exhaustion

12 qualms  
11 fatigue  
10 repatriation  
9 anguish

8 unfazed  
7 mortifying  
6 outraged  
5 disoriented

4 disconcerting  
3 bewildered  
2 penitent  
1 elated

Answers:

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