

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE UPPER-INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 5

VOCABULARY

A- Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: I get really nervous before giving a presentation, but I'm OK once I've started.

1. They must have been d_____ when their house was flooded a second time.
2. I felt h_____ for a month or so after I left home and started university.
3. I asked Maria to go on a date with me but she said 'No' - I'm completely g_____!
4. I was so o_____ with emotion I burst into tears.
5. Rory's going to do a bungee jump! I'm absolutely g_____ - he never usually takes risks!
6. Mark had been unemployed for three months and was d_____ to find a job.
7. I just can't watch horror movies. I get s_____ stiff!
8. I was very o_____ when the teacher said she couldn't understand my accent.

B- Underline the correct adjective.

Example: You looked really **boring** / bored during the presentation.

1. I find driving in heavy traffic very **stressing** / **stressful**.
2. The instructions for this machine are a bit **confused** / **confusing**. Can you help me?
3. The facts in that documentary are absolutely **astonished** / **astonishing**!
4. After going to that exhibition, I felt **inspiring** / **inspired** to paint a picture.
5. We were so **embarrassed** / **embarrassing** when we realized we hadn't left a tip for the waiters.
6. I was so **infuriating** / **infuriated** by the rude staff at the customer service desk!

C- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word.

Example: frustrate

Puzzles really frustrate me - I just don't have the patience for them!

You must have felt very frustrated when they didn't believe you.

Isn't it frustrating when you can't open the plastic packaging on something?

terrify

1. Speaking in public is _____ for some people.
2. Juan looked completely _____ when you asked him to hold your baby!
3. I hope there isn't a storm tonight - the sound of thunder _____ the children.

disappoint

4. It was very _____ that he didn't come.
5. It always _____ me when people behave like that.
6. Alan will be _____ when he hears the football results.

VIDEO ACTIVITY (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLm3O4frQC0>)

Watch 'The Island with Bear Grylls - The Beginning' , take notes and answer the following questions. Also, tell about the other details you remember.

1. How many people will be abandoned on the island?
2. Where will they be dropped?
3. What dangers may there be?
4. How much may they get?
5. What is the only rule?
6. How long will they stay there?
7. What will they be supplied?
8. How is the old lady feeling?
9. What have Ivor and Marco found?
10. How are they feeling?

MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in pairs. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Describe a wrong decision you regret making. You should say:

- *what the decision was*
- *what other choices were available*
- *why you made that decision*
- *why you think it was the wrong decision*

TOPIC 2

Describe a time when somebody apologised to you. You should say:

- *who apologised to you*
- *why they apologised*
- *where it happened*
- *how you felt and what you said when it happened*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages showing your emotions?
2. Do you think women show their emotions more than men?
3. Why do we sometimes feel differently although we experience the same events?
4. How do you feel about the decisions you have made recently?