ACCUSING blaming

The policeman was accusing the man of stealing a wallet.

AFFECTIONATE showing fondness toward someone

Most mothers are *affectionate* to their babies by giving them lots of kisses and cuddles.

AGHAST horrified, astonished, alarmed

Jane was aghast when she discovered her house had been burgled.

ALARMED fearful, worried, filled with anxiety

Claire was alarmed when she thought she was being followed home.

AMUSED finding something funny

I was amused by a funny joke someone told me.

ANNOYED irritated, displeased

Jack was annoyed when he found out he had missed the last bus home.

ANTICIPATING expecting

At the start of the football match, the fans were anticipating a quick goal.

ANXIOUS worried, tense, uneasy

The student was feeling anxious before taking her final exams.

APOLOGETIC feeling sorry

The waiter was very *apologetic* when he spilt soup all over the customer.

ARROGANT conceited, self-important, having a big opinion of oneself

The *arrogant* man thought he knew more about politics than everyone else in the room.

ASHAMED overcome with shame or guilt

The boy felt ashamed when his mother discovered him stealing money from her purse.

ASSERTIVE confident, dominant, sure of oneself

The assertive woman demanded that the shop give her a refund.

BAFFLED confused, puzzled, dumfounded

The detectives were completely baffled by the murder case.

BEWILDERED utterly confused, puzzled, dazed

The child was bewildered when visiting the big city for the first time.

CAUTIOUS careful, wary

Sarah was always a bit cautious when talking to someone she did not know.

COMFORTING consoling, compassionate

The nurse was *comforting* the wounded soldier.

CONCERNED worried, troubled

The doctor was *concerned* when his patient took a turn for the worse.

CONFIDENT self-assured, believing in oneself

The tennis player was feeling very *confident* about winning his match.

CONFUSED puzzled, perplexed

Lizzie was so *confused* by the directions given to her, she got lost.

CONTEMPLATIVE reflective, thoughtful, considering

John was in a *contemplative* mood on the eve of his 60th birthday.

CONTENTED satisfied

After a nice walk and a good meal, David felt very contented.

CONVINCED certain, absolutely positive

Richard was convinced he had come to the right decision.

CURIOUS inquisitive, inquiring, prying

Louise was *curious* about the strange-shaped parcel.

DECIDING making your mind up

The man was deciding who to vote for in the election.

DECISIVE already made your mind up

Jane looked very decisive as she walked into the polling station.

DEFIANT insolent, bold, don't care what anyone else thinks

The animal protester remained defiant even after being sent to prison.

DEPRESSED miserable

George was depressed when he didn't receive any birthday cards.

DESIRE passion, lust, longing for

Kate had a strong *desire* for chocolate.

DESPONDENT gloomy, despairing, without hope

Gary was despondent when he did not get the job he wanted.

DISAPPOINTED displeased, disgruntled

Manchester United fans were disappointed not to win the Championship.

DISPIRITED glum, miserable, low

Adam was dispirited when he failed his exams.

DISTRUSTFUL suspicious, doubtful, wary

The old woman was distrustful of the stranger at her door.

DOMINANT commanding, bossy

The sergeant major looked *dominant* as he inspected the new recruits.

DOUBTFUL dubious, suspicious, not really believing

Mary was doubtful that her son was telling the truth.

DUBIOUS doubtful, suspicious

Peter was dubious when offered a surprisingly cheap television in a pub.

EAGER keen

On Christmas morning, the children were eager to open their presents.

EARNEST having a serious intention

Harry was very earnest about his religious beliefs.

EMBARRASSED ashamed

After forgetting a colleague's name, Jenny felt very  $\it embarrassed.$ 

ENCOURAGING hopeful, heartening, supporting

All the parents were *encouraging* their children in the school sports day.

ENTERTAINED absorbed and amused or pleased by something

I was very entertained by the magician.

ENTHUSIASTIC very eager, keen

Susan felt very enthusiastic about her new fitness plan.

FANTASIZING daydreaming

Emma was fantasizing about being a film star.

FASCINATED captivated, really interested

At the seaside, the children were fascinated by the creatures in the rock pools.

FEARFUL terrified, worried

In the dark streets, the women felt fearful.

FLIRTATIOUS brazen, saucy, teasing, playful

Connie was accused of being *flirtatious* when she winked at a stranger at a party.

FLUSTERED confused, nervous and upset

Sarah felt a bit *flustered* when she realised how late she was for the meeting and that she had

forgotten an important document.

FRIENDLY sociable, amiable

The *friendly* girl showed the tourists the way to the town centre.

GRATEFUL thankful

Kelly was very grateful for the kindness shown by the stranger.

GUILTY feeling sorry for doing something wrong

Charlie felt guilty about having an affair.

HATEFUL showing intense dislike

The two sisters were hateful to each other and always fighting.

HOPEFUL optimistic

Larry was *hopeful* that the post would bring good news.

HORRIFIED terrified, appalled

The man was horrified to discover that his new wife was already married.

HOSTILE unfriendly

The two neighbours were hostile towards each other because of an argument about loud music.

IMPATIENT restless, wanting something to happen soon

Jane grew increasingly impatient as she waited for her friend who was already 20 minutes late.

IMPLORING begging, pleading

Nicola looked imploring as she tried to persuade her dad to lend her the car.

INCREDULOUS not believing

Simon was incredulous when he heard that he had won the lottery.

INDECISIVE unsure, hesitant, unable to make your mind up

Tammy was so indecisive that she couldn't even decide what to have for lunch.

INDIFFERENT disinterested, unresponsive, don't care

Terry was completely indifferent as to whether they went to the cinema or the pub.

INSISTING demanding, persisting, maintaining

After a work outing, Frank was insisting he paid the bill for everyone.

INSULTING rude, offensive

The football crowd was *insulting* the referee after he gave a penalty.

INTERESTED inquiring, curious

After seeing Jurassic Park, Huge grew very interested in dinosaurs.

INTRIGUED very curious, very interested

A mystery phone call *intrigued* Zoe.

IRRITATED exasperated, annoyed

Frances was irritated by all the junk mail she received.

JEALOUS envious

Tony was jealous of all the taller, better-looking boys in his class.

JOKING being funny, playful

Gary was always joking with his friends.

NERVOUS apprehensive, tense, worried

Just before her job interview, Alice felt very nervous.

OFFENDED insulted, wounded, having hurt feelings

When someone made a joke about her weight, Martha felt very offended.

PANICKED distraught, feeling of terror or anxiety

On waking to find the house on fire, the whole family were panicked.

PENSIVE thinking about something slightly worrying

Susie looked *pensive* on the way to meeting her boyfriend's parents for the first time.

PERPLEXED bewildered, puzzled, confused

Frank was *perplexed* by the disappearance of his garden gnomes.

PLAYFUL full of high spirits and fun

Neil was feeling *playful* at his birthday party.

PREOCCUPIED absorbed, engrossed in one's own thoughts

Worrying about her mother's illness made Debbie preoccupied at work

PUZZLED perplexed, bewildered, confused

After doing the crossword for an hour, June was still *puzzled* by one clue.

REASSURING supporting, encouraging, giving someone confidence

Andy tried to look reassuring as he told his wife that her new dress did suit her.

REFLECTIVE contemplative, thoughtful

George was in a reflective mood as he thought about what he'd done with his life.

REGRETFUL sorry

Lee was always regretful that he had never travelled when he was younger.

RELAXED taking it easy, calm, carefree

On holiday, Pam felt happy and relaxed.

RELIEVED freed from worry or anxiety

At the restaurant, Ray was relieved to find he had not forgotten his wallet.

RESENTFUL bitter, hostile

The businessman felt very resentful towards his younger colleague who had been promoted above

him.

SARCASTIC cynical, mocking, scornful

The comedian made a *sarcastic* comment when someone came into the theatre late.

SATISFIED content, fulfilled

Steve felt very satisfied after he had got his new flat just how he wanted it.

SCEPTICAL doubtful, suspicious, mistrusting

Patrick looked sceptical as someone read out his horoscope to him.

SERIOUS solemn, grave

The bank manager looked serious as he refused Nigel an overdraft.

STERN severe, strict, firm

The teacher looked very stern as he told the class off.

SUSPICIOUS disbelieving, suspecting, doubting

After Sam had lost his wallet for the second time at work, he grew suspicious of one of his

colleagues.

SYMPATHETIC kind, compassionate

The nurse looked sympathetic as she told the patient the bad news.

TENTATIVE hesitant, uncertain, cautious

Andrew felt a bit tentative as he went into the room full of strangers.

TERRIFIED alarmed, fearful

The boy was terrified when he thought he saw a ghost.

THOUGHTFUL thinking about something

Phil looked thoughtful as he sat waiting for the girlfriend he was about to finish with.

THREATENING menacing, intimidating

The large, drunk man was acting in a very threatening way.

UNEASY unsettled, apprehensive, troubled

Karen felt slightly uneasy about accepting a lift from the man she had only met that day.

UPSET agitated, worried, uneasy

The man was very upset when his mother died.

WORRIED anxious, fretful, troubled

When her cat went missing, the girl was very worried.