

Language Focus

1. frightening

2. frightened

I'm too frightened to meet her.



Going into hospital is frightening for me.



She's frightened of walking home alone in the dark.

Conversation

A: Have you met our new Manager? She's frightening.

B: Oh, really?.. I'm supposed to give these documents to her.

A: She left strict instructions that she was not to be disturbed.

B: I'm too frightened to meet her now.

Language Focus

1. convincing

2. convinced

She sounded convincing to the clients.



She gave a convincing demonstration of the product's new features.



I am convinced that he is innocent.

Conversation

A: Did you appoint Ms. Sullivan as the head of the Sales Representative?

B: Yes. I can see a potential in her and she has closed a deal with one big company we contacted last month. She sounded convincing to the clients.

A: I agree with you.

B: And I think the CEO is also convinced that she can do the job well.

Language Focus

1. challenging

2. challenged

Her presence looks challenging.



I am financially challenged at the moment.



Teaching is a challenging career.

Conversation

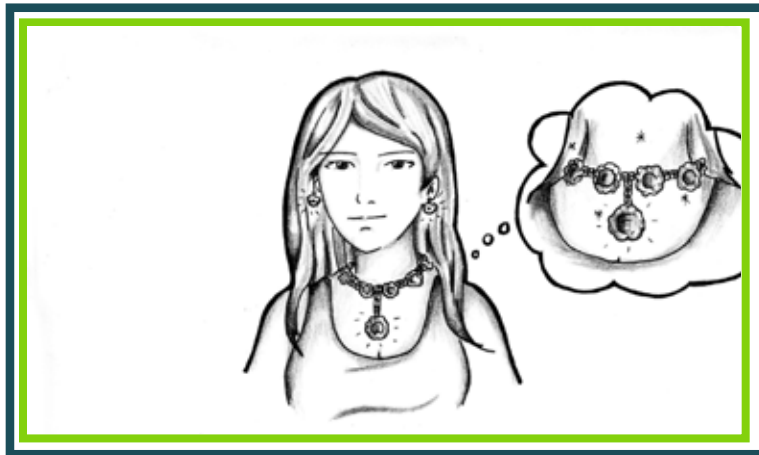
- A: I like our new office mate. She looks so strict and dignified.
 B: Don't you think she can be a threat to your promotion?
 A: I don't see it that way. In fact, I'm even challenged.
 B: Well, her presence looks challenging.

Language Focus

1. fascinating

2. fascinated

The place was really fascinating.



Her jewelry is fascinating.



He was fascinated by her charm.

Conversation

- A: I went out-of-town last weekend. It was fun! The place was really fascinating!
- B: Wow! Do you think you can recommend the place? My two cousins are arriving from Canada next week.
- A: Sure. They will be fascinated by the view.
- B: I'll give them a ring tonight. I'll surely tell them about the place.

Language Focus

1. annoying

2. annoyed

The process was really annoying.



It's annoying to hear all his complaints.



I am annoyed to find myself going red when I'm embarrassed.

Conversation

A: Did you go to the voter center yesterday?

B: No, I was a bit busy. Why?

A: There was a new machine proposed for the election. The process was really annoying.

B: I saw that news last night and some of the voters looked so annoyed.

Language Focus

1. exhausted

2. exhausting

I feel exhausted after long hours of work.



Hot weather makes me exhausted.



Baby-sitting can be exhausting.

Conversation

A: How's work, Darren?

B: I feel completely exhausted after long hours of work. How about you?

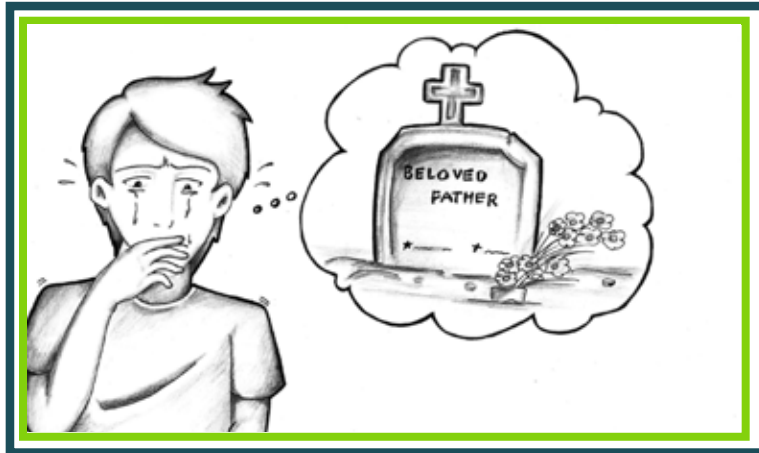
A: My colleague at work never stops talking. I find her exhausting.

B: You've got to learn how to deal with your colleagues at work.

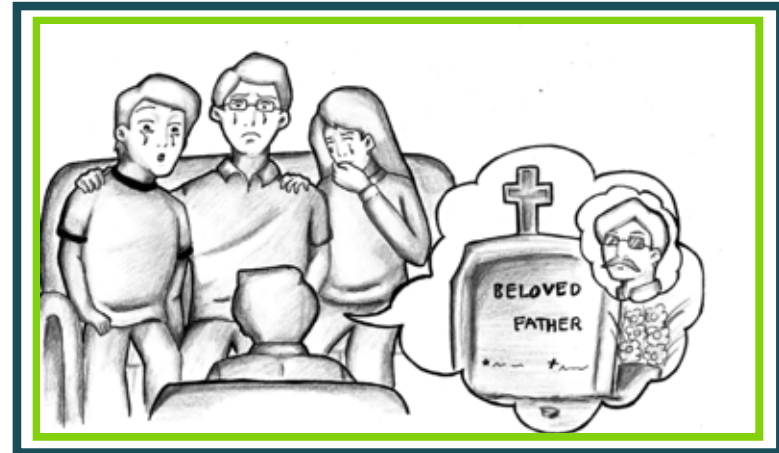
Language Focus

1. devastated 2. devastating

I was absolutely devastated to see a lot of houses destroyed by the typhoon.



The news that his father was dead was devastating.



His family was devastated after they heard the news.

Conversation

- A: Did you see the news? It was horrible!
B: I agree. I was absolutely devastated to see a lot of houses destroyed by the typhoon.
A: The cars piled up like files on a desk.
B: Yeah. Just the sight of it looked so devastating.

Language Focus

1. depressed

2. depressing

I heard some very depressing news.



She felt very depressed about the future.



Looking for a job these days can be very depressing.

Conversation

A: What's wrong, Jimmy?

B: I heard some very depressing news. I'm going to lose my job. I feel terrible!

A: Cheer up! Don't feel so depressed. There are plenty of other jobs.

B: I know but I want this job so bad.

Language Focus

1. amused

2. amusing

I heard a very amusing story.



We were all amused at his stories.



The letters that she writes are very amusing.

Conversation

- A: I heard a very amusing story. It will make you laugh.
B: Try me. Make sure I'll be amused.
A: What's the deal?
B: Well, it'll be a nice dinner treat.

Language Focus

1. disappointed 2. disappointing

The performance of the English team was very disappointing.



I was disappointed by the quality of the wine.



His performance at school was disappointing.

Conversation

- A: The performance of the English team was very disappointing. They played much worse than expected.
B: I know. Their coaches looked very disappointed.
A: I thought they were good.
B: They were complacent about winning.