

INTERMEDIATE PLUS UNIT 6

6.1 Extreme adjectives

- 1** Replace the underlined adjectives in the sentences with an extreme adjective from the box. Then tick the sentences which are true for you.

astonished gigantic spotless packed filthy
starving ancient gorgeous hideous terrifying

- 1 I always get a very big hug from my parents when I visit.

- 2 I don't like it when my house is very dirty.

- 3 Some people love very scary movies but I prefer films that make me feel good.

- 4 I get angry easily when I'm very hungry.

- 5 I don't like very crowded supermarkets. That's why I go shopping when it's not busy.

- 6 I look for guidance in very old spiritual practices.

- 7 I can't cook in a kitchen unless it's very clean.

- 8 I'm always very surprised when people I've only met once remember my name.

- 9 There are some colour combinations that I think are very ugly.

- 10 I would love to be able to paint something very beautiful.

Reading

- 2** Put the letters in bold in the correct order to complete the sentences.
- 1 It's not surprising that people _____ their principles when it doesn't suit them. **oanadnb**
 - 2 It is said that there's no such thing as a purely _____ act. We all gain something, even from an act of kindness. **tltuaisicr**
 - 3 Many people are genuinely _____ that their opinion is the right one, even if they have no evidence to support it. **icnndceov**
 - 4 Fortunately, I don't think I know any really _____ people. Everyone I know is very kind. **ehsflis**
 - 5 Don't get angry if someone is rude to you in the street. They might have _____ problems that you don't know about. **neungie**

Two-part phrases

- 3** Match 1–10 with a)–j) to make sentences.
- 1 Can you ask the neighbours to turn the music down? I'm sick and
 - 2 We didn't get everything we wanted from the negotiations. There is always a lot of give and
 - 3 Don't complain that Gary won't help you if you won't help him. It's fair and
 - 4 We booked an apartment right in the centre so we could enjoy the hustle and
 - 5 Don't worry. Things will get better. Break ups are all part of the ups and
 - 6 Right! We've got a lot to do tomorrow so I think we should all get up bright and
 - 7 I don't like zoos where the animals just wander round and
 - 8 I'm sorry, I won't be home until late tonight. I've got to wine and
 - 9 It has been said loud and
 - 10 Look! Just because you keep saying it again and
- a) take in these things.
 - b) again doesn't make it true.
 - c) dine some clients.
 - d) clear that we shouldn't put normal rubbish in the organic bin.
 - e) downs of life.
 - f) early if we want to get it all done.
 - g) tired of having to be the one to do it.
 - h) square as far as I'm concerned.
 - i) bustle of local life.
 - j) round the cage.

6.2 Money

- 4** Circle the odd word out in each group.
- 1 salary income tax
 - 2 wealth debt bankrupt
 - 3 accountant recession investor
 - 4 fund shares afford
 - 5 shares savings currency

5 Complete the company reports with the words in the boxes.

afford economy recession
reward salaries shares

1 Unfortunately, due to the poor state of the ¹ _____, we can't ² _____ to raise ³ _____ this year. However, as a ⁴ _____ for all your hard work we will give everyone ⁵ _____ in the company which will go up in value once the ⁶ _____ is over.

accountant donations fund poverty tax

2 We have spoken to the ¹ _____ and she confirms that we will pay significantly less ² _____ if we make some ³ _____ to charitable organisations. We think that if we ⁴ _____ an organisation which fights child ⁵ _____ it will improve our corporate image.

6 Find and correct eight mistakes in the conversations.

- 1 **A:** If you really want to generate some wealthy then you should buy and sell shares on the stock market.
B: I don't really want to be an inverter. I think I'd prefer to start my own business.
- 2 **A:** Which currently would you like to exchange your euros into, Sir?
B: British pounds, please.
- 3 **A:** If we don't find a way to create some more come in then we really are in danger of going bankrupted.
B: That's bad news! I didn't realise we were in such debit.
- 4 **A:** I've found us a really good save account.
B: What's good about it?
A: It gives us a good interest rate that will always be above inflection.

6.3 Happiness

7 Complete the sentences with the correct letters.

- 1 With a bowl of ice cream and my favourite TV series I'm in seventh ___ e ___ e ___.
- 2 My grandmother really takes ___ l ___ u ___ in completing gigantic jigsaws.
- 3 The best thing about being a child is that you can live in the ___ o ___ e ___.
- 4 The family were in good ___ i ___ i ___ after their football team won yesterday.
- 5 Ever since he was promoted he's been ___ a ___ i ___ on air.
- 6 I really didn't expect to pass that exam so I'm on ___ o ___ of the world that I did.

8 Underline the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 I hope you have a well/good time on your summer holiday.
- 2 After losing my job I decided to look on the bright/light side because it couldn't get any worse.
- 3 We were over/above the moon when we found out they were getting married.
- 4 You're in a good mood/humour! Are you going away this weekend?
- 5 I've never/ever been better since I had the operation on my back.
- 6 It feels great! We really didn't expect to win the match so we're on cloud nine/five right now.

6.4 Helping hand

9A Match the verbs in the first box with the nouns in the second box to make phrases.

lend put (x2) see focus on
offer be close to go

you in touch value the things that matter
support on a front a hand your heart
a long way

B Complete the text with the phrases from 9A.

I'm a member of a local organisation that helps homeless people. On Saturday nights, I normally ¹ _____ with the distribution of hot food at the local community centre. We try to ² _____ to the most vulnerable people, you know, we help them see a doctor or find somewhere to live. Other nights, we go out and speak to the homeless people directly. Some people don't ³ _____ in doing this because they think the homeless should help themselves but I think it ⁴ _____ with what life on the street is like and helps us to ⁵ _____, such as, food, hygiene and health. The effort we make to talk to them ⁶ _____ to reassuring them that they haven't been forgotten. Sometimes I have to ⁷ _____ so I don't cry because some of them have had tragic experiences that have forced them onto the streets. I've got to know quite a few homeless people very well now so this is a cause which ⁸ _____. Would you like to help us to improve their lives?

Word search

10 Find twenty words in the word search that match the meanings 1–20.



- 1 have enough money to pay for something (6)
- 2 very hungry (8)
- 3 in a happy emotional state (2, 1, 4, 4)
- 4 very crowded (6)
- 5 real, authentic (7)
- 6 caring about other people (10)
- 7 a lot of activity (6, 3, 6)
- 8 very scary (10)
- 9 doing something for a person and getting something in return (4, 3, 4)
- 10 only caring about yourself (7)
- 11 angry and bored that something keeps happening (4, 3, 5)
- 12 not having enough money to pay your debts (8)
- 13 in a place where you are happy, idiom related to weather (2, 5, 4)
- 14 very clean (8)
- 15 happy (9)
- 16 a large amount of money a person or country has (6)
- 17 the money a country uses (8)
- 18 equally divided parts of the ownership of a company which can be bought and sold (6)
- 19 a place you go when you are happy, idiom related to space (4, 3, 4)
- 20 very ugly (7)