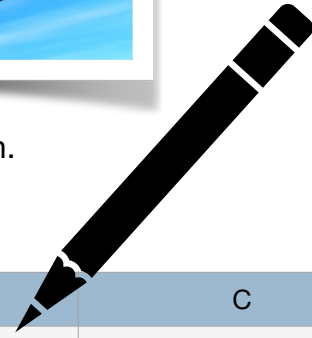


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1. Circle the correct synonym for the adjective in the left column. Choose from multiple choice options A, B, or C.



Adjective	A	B	C
Fascinating	Tedious	Gripping	Sensible
Excited	Elated	Calm	Upset
Cheerful	Anxious	Irked	Buoyant
Serious	Disgusted	Joking	All-important
Pleased	Dissatisfied	Content	Empathetic
Miserable	Carefree	Delighted	Woeful
Cruel	Inhumane	Merciful	Obsessed
Angry	Infuriated	Bittersweet	Peaceful
Uncertain	Proud	Shameless	Perplexed
Shy	Affectionate	Sheepish	Confident
Stupid	Relaxed	Foolish	Wise
Dull	Sensuous	Alert	Tiresome
Sensitive	Touchy	Bashful	Responsible
Uncomfortable	Confident	Awkward	Joyful
Interested	Indifferent	Watchful	Ambivalent
Cross	Proud	Indignant	Satisfied
Silly	Eager	Serious	Asinine
Irritated	Exasperated	Excited	Glad
Nervous	Sentimental	Apprehensive	Lustful
Annoyed	Irked	Amazed	Vulnerable
Bitter	Resentful	Distracted	Glum
Grateful	Insecure	Pessimistic	Appreciative

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2. Listen to the audio to confirm your answers to exercise 1.

You're watching a (1) _____ football match on the telly. Suddenly you feel (2) _____ as your team scores a goal. You check the score in the corner of the screen feeling (3) _____. And then you notice it. Next to the text is the blue and yellow Ukraine flag. It raises an (4) _____ question: how should we feel about it?

PRO-FLAG

Some football fans will feel (5) _____. They believe that we need to pay more attention to the conflict in Ukraine because innocent people continue to suffer in (6) _____ conditions. War is (7) _____ so the flag reminds us to help its victims. It also sends a strong message that people are (8) _____ by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which many consider to be illegal.

NEUTRAL

Some fans will feel (9) _____ because they don't know enough about Ukraine to have clear opinions. They might feel (10) _____ about sharing their thoughts, or (11) _____ because of their lack of knowledge. For some of them, foreign war is a (12) _____ topic of little interest, while for others it's a (13) _____ topic that makes them feel (14) _____ in case they say the wrong thing.

ANTI-FLAG

Some fans will already be (15) _____ of the situation in Ukraine, and they might feel (16) _____ when they see the flag. They might consider it to be (17) _____ propaganda because it presents a simple message that one side is good and the other is evil, when the conflict appears to be not so 'black and white'.

Some fans might feel (18) _____ because they see the flag as part of a psychological operation to create the impression that everybody is in agreement. This results in the silencing of different views as many will feel (19) _____ about expressing their own doubts about the situation.

And some might get (20) _____ by the hypocrisy of the major football leagues. The Ukrainian flag is used to promote the use of public resources to support a war. However,

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symbols like the Catalan flag which promote the decentralisation of power, are quickly banned and its wearers punished. It would appear to be a double standard.

THE RIGHT ARENA?

The Ukraine flag symbolises a complex situation and fans will have many different feelings about it. With so much emotion already present in a football, is this really the right arena to be adding more?

Every football governing body like FIFA, UEFA and the FA, has strict rules that ban political messages from football events. So fans who believe that the flag promotes war-mongering politics will feel (21) _____ about the rules being broken.

MY OWN VIEW

Part of me feels a bit selfish if I complain about the Ukraine flag on our TV screens. Perhaps I should try to interpret the flag as a positive symbol that can help me feel more (22) _____ for the blessings in my life. But I also watch football to escape from the worries of conflict and war. And that part of me looks forward to the day when the only colours on my TV during a match, are the football kits of the two teams competing.



Answers: 1. gripping; 2. elated; 3. buoyant; 4. all-important; 5. content; 6. woeful; 7. inhumane; 8. infuriated; 9. perplexed; 10. sheepish; 11. foolish; 12. tiresome; 13. touchy; 14. awkward; 15. watchful; 16. indignant; 17. asinine; 18. exasperated; 19. apprehensive; 20. irked; 21. resentful; 22. Appreciative