



Reading Skill: Understanding one's feelings and attitudes

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Some questions test your ability to figure out how someone feels or thinks about something. There are three steps to answering such questions:

- 1** Underline the keywords in the question and options.
- 2** Locate the underlined words or words with the similar meanings in the text. Pay more attention to words that can show people's feelings, such as 'upset', 'happily' and 'shout'.
- 3** Try to imagine the situation mentioned in the text or in the question before answering the question.

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Sometimes the writer or the character does not state his or her feelings directly. You have to put yourself in his or her position to understand how he or she feels.

e.g. Kurt exclaimed, 'Yeah!' when he got his report card from Miss Yeung because he came first in class again. = Kurt felt very happy.

Give it a try!

e.g. In the diary entry, 'I' was _____ when a wave swept away half of 'my' sandcastle.

- A. busy
- B. upset
- C. surprised
- D. relaxed

Imagine **how you would feel** when you could not go swimming while all your friends could. Worse still, a wave destroyed the sandcastle that you built. Pay attention to the words '**felt terrible**' in the diary entry. They mean the writer felt '**very bad**'. Among the options, only '**upset**' shows **a bad feeling**. You may also replace the word 'terrible' in the diary entry with the options. You may find out that only option B **makes sense**.