Story - Learning Process (Less Common Emotion Words)

- Read the story to get the main idea.
- Then, cross out the wrong word in the sentence. Use the context to help you choose.

Example: I am sad / ~~pessimistic~~ that I did not pass to the next English level.

The Learning Process

When I first moved here, I felt so helpless / hateful because I couldn't speak any English words. Some days, I felt satisfied / regretful, so I wanted to go back to my home country. Every time I left my small apartment, I thought everyone was speaking English words. I was fascinated / overwhelmed because I didn't understand anything.

However, now I know that I am hearing French, German, Hindi, Mandarin Chinese or even Swahili words. I feel guilty / ecstatic because I don't have to understand them! I also felt suspicious / cautious when other people smiled at me. I didn't know if they were happy / thrilled people or if they were amused by / depressed about my strange English. I was jealous / apologetic because my child was learning English very easily. However, I am determined / pessimistic that I will learn English as soon as possible (ASAP).

This morning, my classmates and I passed to the next level. All of us felt ecstatic / fascinated. However, we made one mistake. One classmate bought a beautiful card with flowers on the front. We all signed it, but we didn't know it was a 'Sympathy' card instead of a 'Thank You' card! My classmate was optimistic / regretful and depressed / apologetic. Our teacher smiled and was not too miserable / disappointed with us. Our teacher said making mistakes is a part of learning. We all had a good laugh about it.

Next week, I will start a new class. To be honest, I am a bit frightened / jealous of the new teacher. I have mixed feelings, but I am disappointed / satisfied I will have many of the same classmates.

Your Turn

- Think about your experience and feelings about learning English – or learning something new (learning to drive, how to type, use Instagram, etc.)
- Decide if you are optimistic or pessimistic about it.
- Plan your ideas and tell a partner or write about it.
- Begin your ideas with these words:
    - Right.now?I.am.optimistic.~~.~~pessimistic.about.learning.((((((((¡