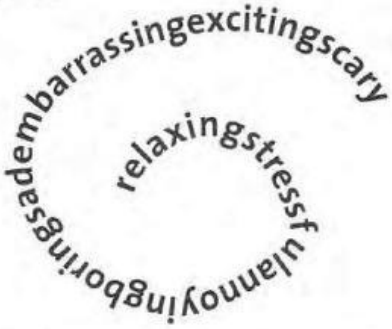
VOCABULARY Describing experiences

A Find eight words in the wordsnake for describing experiences.



B Complete the sentences using the words in exercise A.

1 That film was so *boring*. I almost fell asleep!
2 It was very ..... when I dropped my coffee. I felt really stupid.
3 Work was really ..... this week. I had a lot to do and no time.
4 Their holiday was very ..... . They came back feeling really calm.
5 That big dog looks ..... . I don't want to go near it.
6 Our plane was late and we waited in the airport for two hours. It was really ..... .
7 I was really ..... when my friends left after their trip. I cried.
8 It was very ..... to see George Clooney in the street.

PRONUNCIATION Joining words together

A 9.3 Listen and mark the words which are joined together.

1 The train_is cheaper.
2 We love it!
3 She arrived two weeks ago.
4 We slept in a tent.
5 It was a great experience.
6 He fell and broke his arm.

B Listen and repeat the sentences. Join the words together.

DEVELOPING WRITING
Describing an experience

Language note

We can use a variety of adjectives in our writing to make it more interesting.

A Replace the word 'nice' in the sentences with adjectives in the box.

beautiful	delicious	interesting
relaxing	friendly	

1 This food is nice. Can I have some more, please? *delicious*
2 This book is nice. I wanted to read it all night. .....
3 My holiday was nice. I feel very calm. .....
4 Your brother is nice. He talked to me a lot. .....
5 Your shoes are nice. Were they very expensive? .....

B Read the text and answer the questions.

1 Who did the writer see?
.....
2 What was the weather like?
.....
3 How did the writer feel when the band came on stage?
.....

The best day of my life

(1) Have you ever seen Coldplay? Last year I saw them for the first time. I went with my friend, Adriana. We paid over $300 for our tickets.

(2) The concert was in a big park outside the city. It was a hot, sunny day and there were a lot of people there. They played all my favourite songs and I danced all evening.

(3) The concert was fantastic! It was a dream come true because I've always wanted to see Coldplay. When the band came out on to the stage, I was so happy I couldn't speak. It was one of the best experiences of my life!

C Read the text again and number the paragraphs in the correct order.

a The writer's feelings about the experience [ ]
b An introduction to the experience [ ]
What was the experience? Who was the writer with?
c A more detailed description of the experience [ ]
Where was it? What happened before and during the experience? What did the writer do?

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D You are going to write three paragraphs about a good or bad experience you have had. First plan your paragraphs. Answer these questions using the ideas below, or your own ideas.

1 An introduction to the experience.
- *What was the experience?*
- *Who were you with?*

climb a mountain break a bone go to a country
go on a long journey see something / someone
famous visit a city lose something important

2 A more detailed description of the experience.
- *Where was it?*
- *What happened before and during the experience?*
- *What did you do?*

the weather: hot / sunny / snowy / cold
I cried.
I shouted. I laughed.

3 Your feelings about the experience.

It was scary / sad / annoying / stressful
It was exciting / great / wonderful
It was the best / worst experience of my life
It was the most interesting / the most boring experience of my life

E Write three paragraphs about your experience in your notebook. Use the notes you made in exercise D and the model text in exercise B to help you. Use a variety of adjectives.

Vocabulary Builder Quiz 9 (*OVB* pages 34–37)

Try the *OVB* quiz for unit 9. Write your answers in your notebook. Then check them and record your score.

A Complete the verbs in the sentences.

1 I don't think they s..... the same opinions as us, but we'll have to agree to disagree.
2 What h.....? You look terrible!
3 Could you r..... the question, please? I didn't hear what you said.
4 Be careful! You'll fall and b..... your leg.
5 Did you remember to l..... the door?
6 He's hoping to w..... first prize for his painting.
7 When we arrive in the States for our holiday, we're going to r..... a car and drive up the coast.

B Complete with the prepositions.

1 What time does your flight arrive ..... New York?
2 I have a very high opinion ..... the teachers.
3 He never wears that old shirt ..... public.
4 Did you go ..... the Eiffel Tower in Paris?
5 Watch out! Jake's going to fall ..... his bike.
6 She can't forget ..... losing the match.
7 Can you pay ..... this? I forgot my purse.

C Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

dark	embarrassing	happen	matter	nice and warm

1 It doesn't ..... if you fail the exam. You can take it again.
2 It's ..... in Spain in the summer.
3 When did it .....?
4 It was really ..... when I fell off my chair.
5 It gets ..... at about 4.30 in the winter.

D Match the sentences 1–6 to the meanings of go a–f.

1 I left my keys on the table and now they've gone.	a) attended
2 Jim went crazy when he heard the news.	b) had a usual position
3 The bus went at eight o'clock. Did we miss it?	c) disappeared
4 I don't think Sarah went to the meeting.	d) left
5 I went to Gothenburg for my holiday.	e) became
6 I didn't know the chair went here. I'll put it back.	f) travelled

Score ___ / 25

Wait a couple of weeks and try the quiz again. Compare your scores

LIVEWORKSHEETS