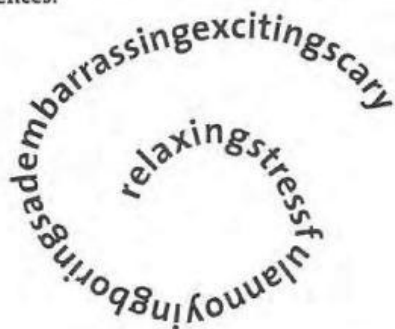


VOCABULARY Describing experiences

- 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?

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.

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|--|-------------------------|
| 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