

42/ Saying what you like and dislike

Words you need...



- ▶ **awful** very bad
- ▶ **cool** (slightly informal) good, fashionable or enjoyable
- ▶ **disgusting** extremely unpleasant
- ▶ **to dislike something/someone** (slightly formal) to not like something/someone
- ▶ **dull** boring
- ▶ **enjoyable** An experience that is enjoyable is fun.
- ▶ **to hate something/someone** to strongly dislike something/someone
- ▶ **lovely** pleasant, enjoyable or attractive
- ▶ **pleasant** enjoyable or attractive
- ▶ **terrible** very bad
- ▶ **unpleasant** not enjoyable or attractive
- ▶ **wonderful** very good

Exercise 1

Match the questions (1–5) with the replies (a–e).

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| 1 How's your soup? Is it nice? | a Yes, but I never cook it because it leaves an unpleasant smell in the house. |
| 2 What do you think of this painting? | b It's wonderful – I love the way he shows the light on her dress. |
| 3 Are you pleased with your builders? | c It's lovely, and I have a great view of the city. |
| 4 Do you like fish? | d No, they're awful. They make a lot of mess and the work isn't very good. |
| 5 How's your new apartment? | e No, I really dislike the taste of garlic. |

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- His lectures are really/absolutely] dull.
- Our visit to Paris was [absolutely/very] enjoyable.
- Mmm, this food is [very/absolutely] wonderful!
- The weather here is [very/absolutely] terrible at the moment.
- His sister is [absolutely/really] pleasant.
- The smell in here is [really/very] disgusting.

Exercise 3



Use words from the box to complete the Facebook posts. For each post there is one word you do not need. Listen and check.

really hate cool absolutely



Alice Dixon

Went to my first yoga class last night. I usually ¹ hate doing exercise, but it was ² _____ enjoyable. And the teacher is really ³ _____ - she's nearly 70, but she can still put her legs around her neck!

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Making adjectives stronger



To make most adjectives stronger, use **very** or **really**:

- ▶ *We had a really pleasant day. The film was very dull.*

Adjectives such as **awful**, **disgusting** and **wonderful** have a strong meaning. We use **really** with these adjectives, but not **very**. To make them even stronger, we use **absolutely**:

- ▶ *The food was absolutely disgusting. Her book is absolutely wonderful.*

absolutely dull very terrible



Malik Darzi

Just did my Maths exam. It was ⁴ _____ awful! I'm really ⁵ _____ at Maths, and the lessons are always so ⁶ _____, I never seem to learn anything.

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very lovely absolutely pleasant



Erica Langley

Very ⁷ _____ evening at the new pizzeria last night. Peter was there with his new girlfriend - she's really ⁸ _____! ⁹ _____ wonderful to see Peter so happy!

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