

Exciting writing: Challenge 3

Avoiding Overused words

You will find a list of **Overused words** like **nice**, **go**, and **say** on page ix of the *Oxford Junior Illustrated Thesaurus*. Look them up in the thesaurus to find many more interesting synonyms that you could use to make your writing more exciting.

1. Replace the Overused words in these sentences with the correct synonym from the list below.

1. It was a
.....
(lovely) party.

2. Samir's
present was a new
bike - he's really
.....
(happy)!

3. The
weather was
..... (good) so we
..... (went) outside
to play games.

4. We
(ate) all the
food.

5. The cake
was really
..... (nice).

6. I was really
..... (sad)
when I had to
go home.

- raced
- thrilled
- devoured
- delicious
- fed up
- fantastic
- fine



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2. Write this postcard again, without using **nice** or **good**.

Dear Ben,

We are having a **nice** time here and the weather is really **good**.

The campsite is **nice** and there is a really **good** beach here with a shop where you can buy **nice** ice creams.

Wish you were here!

Love from Sarah

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