

Avoiding 'nice'

Nice is such an overused word. You can make your writing more interesting and descriptive simply by choosing other, more appropriate adjectives. For example, 'a nice meal' could be described as **tasty**, **satisfying** or **delicious**.

Remember that an adjective beginning with a **vowel sound** will take 'an' rather than 'a' as in - 'an appetizing smell' **but** 'a useful gift'.

Activity

Using a thesaurus or dictionary to help you, find three different adjectives to replace 'nice' in the following phrases. Try not to use any adjective more than once:

a nice peach	_____	_____	_____
a nice man	_____	_____	_____
a nice woman	_____	_____	_____
a nice tune	_____	_____	_____
a nice armchair	_____	_____	_____
a nice sunset	_____	_____	_____
nice handwriting	_____	_____	_____
a nice garden	_____	_____	_____
a nice dress	_____	_____	_____
a nice party	_____	_____	_____
a nice smell	_____	_____	_____
a nice castle	_____	_____	_____
a nice gift	_____	_____	_____
nice weather	_____	_____	_____
nice manners	_____	_____	_____

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Holiday postcard writing practice

Write a holiday postcard home saying you are having a nice time - but don't use the adjective 'nice'!

- How was the journey?
- How's the beach?
- What's the hotel or campsite like?
- How's the nightlife?

<p><i>Dear</i></p>	 <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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