

# Synonyms and Antonyms for Nice

## Part A

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*In this activity, you will find better synonyms and antonyms for the bland adjective 'nice'.* Write phrases that contain stronger adjectives than 'nice' and antonyms (opposites) of the adjective 'nice'. Use a thesaurus to help you.

Nice	Stronger adjective	Antonym
A nice dress	<i>A beautiful dress</i>	<i>A terrible dress</i>
A nice party		
A nice book		
A nice person		
A nice holiday		
A nice song		
A nice haircut		
A nice dog		

Can you include any adjectival phrases to make them even more expressive?

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Here's an example:

*That was most considerate of you, opening your car door as I was riding past on my bike. Would you mind helping me up?*

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### ★ ★ ★ Challenge Task ★ ★

Write a section of dialogue set at a party, where the guests are being very polite but are hating every minute of it. You must include words and phrases in their speech where it isn't obvious that the hosts and guests are unhappy but if the reader 'reads between the lines', they can work that out.

Here's an example:

*Marie opened the door with the hostess' smile fixed to her face. "How pleasant it is too see you two." Her cheekbones dropped momentarily before she quickly restored the hostess' mask. Marie looked her up and down. "I must say, your dress is delightful, Ellie."*

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