







Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 While I **lived / was living** in Japan, I **took / was taking** Japanese lessons.
- 2 What **were they talking / did they talk** about when I **came / was coming** into the room?
- 3 Our host family **didn't speak / weren't speaking** to us in Spanish while we **stayed / were staying** with them.
- 4 When we **arrived / were arriving**, all the guests **danced / were dancing**.
- 5 I **didn't use / wasn't using** my phone while we **travelled / were travelling**.
- 6 She **spoke / was speaking** in a strange language, so I **wasn't / wasn't being** able to understand her.

What were you doing at these times yesterday?

Write a sentence for each one.

- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 
- 5 
- 6 

explore language

strong adjectives and adverbs

We use strong adjectives to make our writing more interesting.

awful brilliant delicious disgusting fantastic
furious hilarious huge terrible wonderful

We can also use an adverb to make an adjective stronger.

really kind very big extremely dangerous

We don't use *very* or *extremely* with strong adjectives. We use *absolutely*.

very fantastic absolutely fantastic
extremely brilliant absolutely brilliant

8 Find words in the sentences that can be replaced with these words.

delicious disgusting fantastic furious hilarious huge

- 1 The film was very funny. We laughed all the way through it.
- 2 The pasta was very bad because I cooked it for too long!
- 3 I took a tour around the Hollywood stars' homes – they were really big.
- 4 My brother was very angry when I broke his new phone.
- 5 Our holiday was really good. I didn't want to come home!
- 6 This soup is very good. Did you make it?

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

'I glanced around and everyone in the room was looking at me.'

Write your **story** in about **100 words**.

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Are you writing a story? First, think of an idea that could follow the sentence given in the task (e.g. Why were they looking at you?). Then plan it (e.g. When? Where? Who? What happened in the end? What past tenses can you use?).



