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.

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