

## **EXERCISE 1**

*Find a suitable word that is similar in meaning to 'good' for each blank:*

Mary and her (1) **close** friend Jill had returned from holiday. They had a really (2) **amusing** 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 (3) **pleasant** weather in their holiday resort. The girls looked around for Jill's brother, Jo, who was meeting them. He said that he would happy to drive Them home since this gave a (4) **plausible** excuse for leaving the office early for once. 'JO must be here somewhere', said Mary just as he appeared. The girls' flight was a (5) **full** two hours late and Jo had gone to get something to eat to pass the time. 'It was (6) **generous** of you to wait so long' said Jill. 'That's OK', replied Jo. 'I like looking around airports, although the food was not very (7) **tasty**'. When the luggage arrived, they made them way to the car which was parked quite gat away. As they go into the car Jill said to Mary, 'The traffic will be busy at this time of day but Jo is a very (8) **skillful** 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 (9) **convenient** time,' said Jill's mother. 'I was just about to serve dinner.' 'That's (10) **marvelous!**' said Jill. 'We're starving after that long journey'

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*Rewrite the following sentences, replacing the words in bold with a suitable alternative:*

1. The old couple have been, married a **good** fifty years.

A/The old couple have been, married a **whole** fifty years.

2. The food in the new restaurant is very **good**, but it is rather expensive.

A/The food in the new restaurant is very **delicious**, but it is rather expensive.

3. Dave and Peter have been **good** friends since primary school.

A/Dave and Peter have been **close** friends since primary school.

4. I hired a man to work on the flowers borders and he is a **good** gardener.

A/I hired a man to work on the flowers borders and he is a **competent** gardener.

5. We all had a **good** time in the beach party.

A/We all had a **fun** time in the beach party.

6. Early evening before dinner would be a **good** time to call on Mrs. Park.

A/Early evening before dinner would be a **convenient** time to call on Mrs. Park.

7. The Jones family must have a **good** weather in their holiday resort – they are all suntanned.

A/The Jones family must have a **lovely** weather in their holiday resort – they are all suntanned.

8. It's **good** that you are able to talk over your plans with your parents.

A/It's **excellent** that you are able to talk over your plans with your parents.

9. The boss will not be angry if you have a **good** excuse for being late.

A/The boss will not be angry if you have a **valid** excuse for being late.

10. It was very **good** of you daughter to babysit for mi family as such short notice.

A/It was very **kind** of you daughter to babysit for mi family as such short notice.