

1. The following list of words may add more dazzle to your own fiction writing. **The words and their synonyms have been mixed up.** Match each word to the correct synonyms.

winsome	infuriated, livid, incensed, riled
gruesome	energising, invigorating, astounding, scintillating
irksome	sufficient, satisfactory, acceptable, tolerable
glorious	brilliant, vivid, incandescent, illuminated
adventurous	shrewd, cautious, judicious, canny
luminous	dispiriting, disappointing, disheartening, discouraging
ominous	opulent, lavish, elaborate
electrifying	pleasing, appealing, captivating, alluring
demoralising	dazzling, magnificent, splendid, sublime
rueful	loathsome, monstrous, repugnant, odious
spiteful	malicious, unkind, vindictive, vicious
detestable	sorrowful, repentant, remorseful, regretful
irritable	amiable, approachable, genial, amicable
affable	boisterous, blatant, bold, determined
ornate	sinister, menacing, threatening, ill-fated
irate	impertinent, insolent, barefaced, brazen
adequate	tiresome, troublesome, aggravating, tedious
prudent	daring, audacious, intrepid, bold
impudent	cantankerous, petulant, fretful, peevish
strident	ghastly, grisly, appalling, hideous
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2. Select the best word from the list to use in the following sentences:
- a. Golden sunshine and autumn leaves - it was a ..... day for a walk.
  - b. The necklace was a/an ..... piece of statement jewellery.
  - c. Saving every last penny of her money was a ..... decision.
  - d. It was typical of her boss to be ..... when she was in a bad mood.
  - e. The critic hated the pasta dish and described it as .....

3. Decide which word in each group of synonyms is your favourite and write a sentence with this adjective in it.

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4. Add another adjective to each group of synonyms in the space provided.

5. Choose another interesting adjective which ends in 'ous' and find unusual and precise synonyms for it.

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## Suggested answers

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2.

- a. Golden sunshine and autumn leaves - it was a **glorious/magnificent/splendid** day for a walk.
- b. The necklace was a/**an ornate/opulent/lavish/elaborate** piece of statement jewellery.
- c. Saving every last penny of her money was **aprudent/shrewd/cautious/judicious/canny** decision.
- d. It was typical of her boss to be **irritable/cantankerous/petulant/fretful/peevish** when she was in a bad mood.
- e. The critic hated the pasta dish and described it as **detestable/loathsome/repugnant/odious**.