

11. Expand your vocabulary

You can use the 'Other Ways of Saying' or Thesaurus boxes in the *Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary* to help you expand your vocabulary. These boxes appear at frequently-used words, such as *hold*, and explain how and when to use alternative words, such as *clasp*, *grip* or *cling*.

A. Replace the words in italics with the correct form of a word from the box. Use the 'Other Ways of Saying' boxes in the dictionary to help you.

exquisite	boiling	chilly	smart	action-packed
put your feet up	bolt down	rush	laugh your head off	riveting

- I absolutely love this painting. It's *beautiful*.
- We have an *exciting* weekend planned. We're going mountain climbing and skiing.
- It's a *cold* day. Make sure you wrap up warm and take your coat.
- Sophie is *eating* her food so quickly. She must be very hungry.
- This book is *exciting*. I don't want to stop reading it!
- I can't wait to get home tonight, have something to eat and then *relax*.
- Bobby *laughed* when he saw my costume. I did look very funny!
- I *ran* up the stairs to answer the telephone.
- You worked out the answer to the problem very quickly. You're very *clever*.
- It's *hot* today. I wish I'd worn something cooler.

B. Now your turn to write! Write a sentence using each of the alternative words in italics below.

- beautiful – *stunning*
- cold – *bitter*
- eat – *pick at*
- exciting – *gripping*
- relax – *chill (out)*
- laugh – *giggle*
- run – *race*
- clever – *intelligent*
- hot – *scorching*
- quick – *hasty*

