

Positive and negative adjectives

3 Here are some more positive and negative adjectives. Put them into the correct box. Which ones could be both?

optimistic	gripping
flawed	best-selling
witty	pessimistic
thrilling	weak
whacky	sophisticated
predictable	clichéd
psychological	iconic
dramatic	spine-chilling
absorbing	polished
haunting	classic
shocking	implausible
unputdownable	intriguing

Positive

optimistic

Negative

pessimistic

Both

iconic

Time expressions

4 Match the lines and time expressions. Use each expression once only.

1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>d</i> I've been working in the same bank	a ten years ago.
2 <input type="checkbox"/> I started this job	b by the time I was 30.
3 <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't want to get married	c until I met you.
4 <input type="checkbox"/> I had had two children	d for years.
5 <input type="checkbox"/> I'd been writing poetry for years	e since six o'clock.
6 <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't stay in that job	f until I arrived.
7 <input type="checkbox"/> I've been waiting here	g when he finally arrived.
8 <input type="checkbox"/> They didn't order the food	h for long.
9 <input type="checkbox"/> The train pulled out of the station	i a minute ago.
10 <input type="checkbox"/> I'd been waiting over an hour	j until it was too late.
11 <input type="checkbox"/> I haven't been feeling well	k until late.
12 <input type="checkbox"/> They got on the plane	l lately.
13 <input type="checkbox"/> I'd never seen him	m at the last minute.
14 <input type="checkbox"/> I was watching TV	n before.
15 <input type="checkbox"/> He didn't hear the attacker	o before being published.

5 Complete the sentences, using past tenses only and the prompts in brackets.

- Two years ago, while I _____.
(work / Paris / grandfather / die)
- As soon as I _____.
(get / home / I / switch on the TV)
- First I _____.
(have a shower / then / I / get dressed)
- I _____.
(always / want / visit / Australia / and I / finally / go / last year)
- As he _____.
(post / letter / he / realize / not put on / stamp)
- By the time he _____.
(finish / speak / most / audience / fall asleep)
- Once I _____.
(tell him / truth / I / feel / much better)
- Before I _____.
(buy / my / first / flat / I / see / 30 / other properties)

3.2 Listen and check.