

1 Circle the best words or phrases to complete the sentences.

- My friend did very badly in his exams last year. Incredibly / Tragically, this year he got more than 90% in every single one of them.
- I read the other day that the president had died *overwhelmingly* / *in unexplained circumstances*.
- The world population has increased *dramatically* / *in a spectacular turn of events* over the last 100 years.
- The other team were winning 2-0 with only a few minutes left in the match. *Astonishingly* / *In a mysterious way* we scored three goals in five minutes.
- We had a terrible journey to Scotland: our car broke down, then we ran out of petrol. *Mysteriously* / *Finally*, we arrived in Edinburgh, exhausted and frustrated.
- At first I thought I'd lost all the data on my laptop, but *miraculously* / *luckily* I'd managed to save everything to a memory stick.

2 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- the / stories / up / same / crop
.....*The same stories crop up.*.....
- is / this / classic / a / how / created / example / myths / of / are
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- song / popular / became / by / mouth / the / of / word
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- subject / is / completely / this / irrelevant
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3 Make adjectives from these adverbs.

- dramatically*dramatic*.....
- astonishingly
- overwhelmingly
- finally
- miraculously
- luckily
- incredibly
- tragically

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

likely side sob end
make long same life

- Chris says he's going to be in the next Martin Scorsese film. Now that's a *likely* story!
- I don't care if you don't want to come to see your grandmother, John. You're coming, of story. Now go put your coat on.
- Well, to cut a story short, I fell down the stairs and broke my leg in three places.
- I didn't win the competition. Oh, well. It's the story of my
- Donna says she can explain what happened. I don't really want to talk to her, but I suppose I should give her the chance to tell her of the story.
- Daniel wants people to feel sorry for him. He always comes up with some story or other to explain his bad behaviour.
- Come on, live in the real world, Anna. Reporters up stories all the time.
- It's always the old story with Pete. Every time I ask him to come out with us says 'yes', but then he changes his mind at the last minute. I'm getting sick of it.