

Vocabulary

a lot of



I saw a lot of culture. I saw a lot of history.

'A lot of' means 'much' and is used instead of 'much' in positive sentences. Notice the following:

1. There is a lot of snow in winter.
2. I have a lot of free time today.

You wouldn't believe



You wouldn't believe how good it is.

The phrase 'you wouldn't believe, you won't believe, and I can't believe' are common phrases to show something is surprising. Notice the following:

1. You wouldn't believe how beautiful Bali is.
2. You won't believe how little it costs.
3. I can't believe you didn't call me.

the good thing (about it / is)



Everything tastes amazing. And the good thing about it, it's really, really cheap.

We often use the phrase 'the good thing (is)' to express another unexpected benefit. Notice the following:

1. I got a new job, and the good thing is I get to live near my girlfriend.

2. This dish is really easy to make, and the good thing about it is it is really healthy.

a lot



My friend helped me a lot with all the food

We use 'a lot' after a verb to show the action was done in large amounts. Notice the following:

1. He talks a lot.
2. She works a lot.

since



I liked the town, and since it was cheap, I stayed.

Since means 'because' in these sentences. Notice the following:

1. Since it is raining, let's stay inside.
2. Bob is late, but we should start dinner since the food is getting cold.

Vocabulary Quiz

**a lot of • a lot • believe
the good thing • since**

1. The class is free, and is it fits my schedule.
2. You won't what she is wearing today.
3. He gets good grades because he studies .
4. I cannot drink beer I am driving.
5. He has talent, but no ambition.

Traveling to Taiwan

Hana talks about a trip she took to Taiwan and her thoughts of her trip and the country.

Hana: So Daniel, I heard you went on a vacation, where did you go?

Daniel: Yeah, I went to Taiwan.

Hana: Oh, sounds interesting. What did you do?

Daniel: Well, I did a lot of things. It's a really interesting place. I saw *a lot of* culture. I saw a lot of history. I went to beautiful places. They have like really, really beautiful nature. Everything was really, really good.

Hana: How was the food?

Daniel: Well, the food in Taiwan is amazing. *You wouldn't believe* how good it is. Everything tastes amazing. And *the good thing about it*, it's really, really cheap.

Hana: I see. Who did you go with?

Daniel: I went with a Taiwanese friend, so that was really good because I cannot speak Mandarin. And my friend helped me *a lot* with all the food, and that was really good because I really appreciated that.

Hana: How long did you go for?

Daniel: It was about eight days. And I think it was more than enough to get like a quick view of the whole island. It was really nice to go from Taipei in the north to some cities in the south. I think I got a really good impression of what Taiwan is.

Hana: Why did you go to Taiwan?

Daniel: Well I'm really interested in Asia and Asian cultures, and since it's really far from my background, I really want to get to know better all those cultures. And *since* for many western people are quite the same, I really want to find out those differences. And that's why I chose Taiwan.

Hana: I see.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) He liked the _____ .

a) nature

b) weather

c) both

2) He says the food was _____

a) delicious

b) spicy

c) cheap

3) He traveled with _____ .

a) family

b) a friend

c) classmates

4) He visited to _____ .

a) Taipei

b) the south

c) a university

5) He wanted to learn about _____ .

a) the language

b) the economy

c) the culture

Corporate Vocabulary

Cash Flow

Movement of money through time.

“My teacher told us that he uses cash flow to analyze the financial situation of a company.”

"My instructor mentioned that he relies on cash flow as a primary indicator of a company's financial stability."

Competitor

Rival business.

“We are tracking the performance of our competitor new products.”

"We are conducting continuous performance intelligence on our competitor latest product line launches."