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Overwhelming - adjective

1) difficult to fight against:

- She had the almost overwhelming desire to tell him the truth.
- He had an overwhelming urge to quit his job and travel the world.
- Despite her efforts to stay calm, an overwhelming fear took hold of her.

2) very great or very large:

- She said how much she appreciated the overwhelming generosity of the public in responding to the appeal.
- An overwhelming majority has voted in favour of the proposal.
- The team received overwhelming support from fans across the country.

Underwhelming - adjective

not impressing or exciting you at all

- The movie had a lot of hype, but the ending was surprisingly underwhelming.
- His speech was underwhelming — it lacked energy and failed to inspire the audience.
- The restaurant looked fancy, but the food was underwhelming and overpriced.

Overwhelmed - adjective

Feeling buried or consumed by emotions, work, or circumstances.

- She felt overwhelmed by the amount of homework she had.
- He was overwhelmed with a sense of guilt and remorse.

Underwhelmed - adjective

Unimpressed or unaffected; feeling less excited than anticipated.

- He was underwhelmed by the restaurant everyone raved about.
- I was underwhelmed by the ending — it felt rushed and predictable.

Whelmed [T] humorous - adjective

to have an effect on someone, usually not a very positive or very negative one:

- I was only whelmed by the movie, I have to say.