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3.2 Personality

- Talk about people's character or personality
- Modify adjectives by intensifying adverbs such as extremely or totally



Listen to the next descriptions, which words make the characteristics stronger, which make them weaker?





"My Friend Emily is incredibly talented and creative. She's pretty disorganized, though. She forgets something almost every time we meet but she has a great sense of humor.



"My Friend Mike is extremely competitive, but when he wins, he's not arrogant like some of the other guys. He's not very outgoing, so some people think he's unfriendly, but I think he's basically just shy



My dad's a pretty cool guy. We get along really well. He's fairly easygoing and laid-back. And he's very practical and down-to-earth, so he always gives me good advice. Also, he's completely honest with me. I can trust what he says."

The adjectives are often modified by <u>intensifying adverbs</u> such as extremely or totally. Intensifying adverbs make the meaning of a following word stronger



<u>He's completely honest</u>

Adverbs can describe adjectives and other adverbs. Adverbs such as extremely, totally, very. and really are all <u>intensifying adverbs</u>.



She's extremely generous.

• The adverbs extremely and very are not generally used before adjectives such as wonderful or fantastic, whose meaning <u>cannot be</u> <u>made stronger because they are already very strong</u>



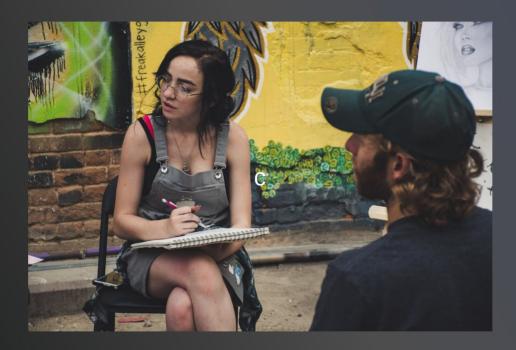
My new car is really fantastic

These stronger adjectives use adverbs such as absolutely or really.



She's absolutely wonderful.

The expression at all after a negative + adjective means "completely not."



She's not selfish at all

*This sentence means "She is totally unselfish."

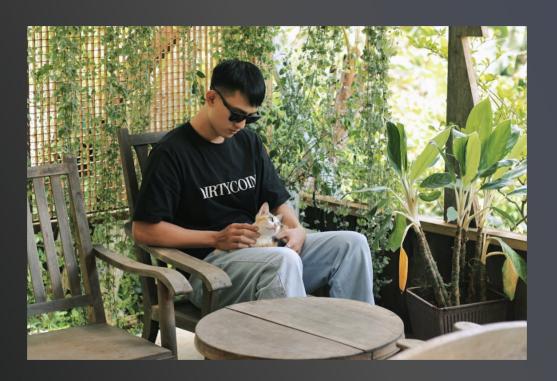
Very, really, and so are also used <u>after negatives</u>.



<u>She's not very selfish.</u>

*This sentence means "She's just a little selfish."

Completely and totally before an adjective mean "100 percent" in a positive sense.



He's completely honest

Do you know people with these qualities? Write a sentence for each expression. Add an example.

- 1. totally laid-back
- 2. pretty generous
- 3. very honest
- 4. absolutely wonderful
- 5. not competitive at all

- 6. incredibly impatient
 - 7. fairly disorganized
 - 8. completely reliable
 - 9. extremely talented
- 10. really inconsiderate

Complete the statements about people's personalities with words from the box.

- absolutely crazy
- · arrogant at all
- extremely talented
- incredibly generous
- pretty laid-back
- really reliable

- My sister's ______. She's just good at everything she does
- My brother's _____. He does that extreme biking thing, jumping upside down on his bike and everything.
- My parents are ______. They bought me a new car when my old one broke down.
- My best friend is _____ . I can count on her for absolutely anything
- I'm _____. I don't get stressed very often.
- My brother isn't _____ . He doesn't think he's better than everyone else.

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