

ac·tu·al·ly S1 W1

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adverb

1 [sentence adverb] IN FACT (spoken) used to add new information to what you have just said, to give your opinion, or to start a new conversation:

*I've known Barbara for years. Since we were babies, actually.
Actually, on second thoughts, I don't think I want to go out tonight.*

2 IN FACT used to emphasize the real or exact truth of a situation, rather than what people may think:

What time are you actually leaving?

Labor costs have actually fallen.

'Disappointed?' 'No, actually I'm rather glad.'

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