

27 . Intensifiers and softeners

- 1. 1. His opinion is l.... b... on the knowledge he acquired in high school long time ago .
- 2. This phenomenon is l..... r..... to the problem described above.
- 3. The new murder is l..... c..... to the man who committed a similar crime 20 years ago.
- 4. L..... s..... notes are less readable .
- 5. The data that is l.... c..... is more protected against tampering by a bad actor .

- 1. Her remark was m..... o.....
- 2. I was m..... s..... to see Maria here amongst people she never liked .
- 3. The itchiness is m..... i.....ing not a big deal though.
- 4. Joe was m..... a.....d at the thought of meeting Clare at the party next week .

- 1. It was f..... r..... when he said that he's cat would be in his will along with his son and wife .
- 2. His attempts to speak in behalf of the racial minority came across f..... p.....ing and insincere .
- 3. She met his offer with a f..... a.....d smile.
- 4. Although it wasn't the first time he heard her speak , he nevertheless looked f..... s.....
- 5. The eagerness with which Jack was trying to explain thermodynamics to his grandma was f..... a.....

- 1. Teddy's girlfriend looked d..... s..... when they moved him to another zoo.
- 2. Stop torturing him! Don't you see he's already d..... a.....d ?
- 3. I have no idea what Mike was trying to say but his words came off d..... o.....
- 4. To her it was a d..... e..... moment which she will never forget .

- 1. Wasn't his unwillingness to help b..... o..... ? And still we were hoping to have him on our side .

- 1. The man's "serious injury " was w..... e..... by his own imagination .

2. The data that the article presented was w..... i.....

1. It was d.....r..... rude of him to bring attention to her overweight issue .

1. The mistakes he could have avoided were the cause of him being t.....  
a..... of his dumb attitude .

2. As he had been seeking revenge for long years he was now t..... e.....  
the downfall of his nemesis .

1. Surprisingly enough , the exam turned out to be d..... e.....

2. You are d.... r.... !

1. The room we were shown appeared to be uninhabited so s..... c..... it was .

1. Let me hire a handful of h..... e..... , ambitious people and put them in a small  
room . Then we'll see how much time passes by before they will be at each  
other's throat .

2. I h..... r..... you go see that movie .

3. It's h..... u..... we'll hear from them ever again .

1. His style of painting was s..... i..... by the early 17 century's Italian  
painters .

1. What you're saying is u..... r..... ! Stop it for Christ's sake !

2. We ended up moving to Haiti -which was u..... a..... - and staying there for two  
years .

1. The air never felt so c..... d..... , so unearth.

2. These two t..... s..... event were pulled together and made sense of by the  
investigator Ted Williams .

3. Consequently , Marta found herself e..... d..... on her husband's income .

# Softeners

## 1 . Loosely

- *based on*
- *related*
- *connected*
- *structured*
- *centered*

## 2 . Mildly

- *offensive*
- *surprised*
- *irritating / ed*
- *amusing / ed*

## 3 . Faintly ( formal )

- *ridiculous*
- *patronizing*
- *amused*
- *surprised*
- *absurd*

# Intensifiers

## 1 . Deeply

- *sad*
- *ashamed*

- *offensive*
- *emotional*

## **2 . Blatantly**

- *obvious*

## **3 . Wildly**

- *exaggerated*
- *inaccurate*

## **4 . Downright**

- 1 . *rude*

## **5 . Thoroughly**

- *ashamed*
- *enjoy / ed*

## **5 . Dead**

- *right*
- *easy*

## **6 . Spotlessly**

- *clean*

## **7 . Highly**

- *educated*
- *recommended*
- *unlikely*

## **8 . Strongly**

- *influence/d*

## **9 . Greatly**

- *influence/ d*
- *appreciate/ d*

## **10 . Utterly**

- *ridiculous*
- *absurd*

## **11 . Thoroughly**

- *enjoy / ed*

## **12 . Completely / totally / entirely**

- *different*
- *separate*
- *dependent*

**! Absolutely collocates only with adjectives that have strong meanings ;**

- *absolutely ( NOT ~~very~~ )fantastic*
- *very ( NOT ~~absolutely~~ ) happy*