

Adverbs of degree with verbs

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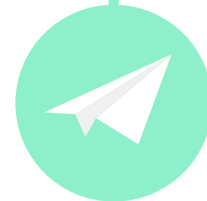


Goals

- Can provide a simple explanation of adverbs of degree and their uses, with examples.
- Can accurately select the correct adverbs of degree for a range of straightforward sentences.



I got home **very** late today.
I **nearly** couldn't join my video call with
friends!





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you are going to learn how to use **adverbs of degree** with **verbs**.
- **Adverbs of degree** describe the **intensity** of the verb they are modifying.



I am **definitely** staying in this weekend.



Very

- **Very** is one of the most common adverbs of degree. It adds **intensity**.
- It comes **before** the **adjective** or **adverb** it describes.

It is **very** easy to get food delivered now.

She spoke **very** quickly.

My boss is a **very** nice person.

I'm **very** happy to stay in tonight.





A bit and a little

- *A bit* and *a little* both mean **a small amount**.
- They come **after** the **main verb they are describing** or **before the adjective or adverb**.

<i>a bit</i>	<i>a little</i>
Can you turn up the volume a bit ?	Can you turn up the volume a little ?
Talking to my sisters always cheers me up a bit .	Talking to my sisters always cheers me up a little .
Do you want to practise a bit ?	Do you want to practise a little ?



A bit and a little

When might you need
to turn up the volume
a little?

What activities and
tasks make you **a bit**
tired?

Are you ever **a little**
worried before you
join a video call?

What would you do if
you were **a bit** bored
of staying in every
night?



Just, almost and nearly

- **Just** means **very soon, now** or **recently**. It comes **before** the **verb, adjective** or **adverb** it is describing.
- **Almost** and **nearly** mean **not completely but close**. They come **before** the **adjective, verb** or **adverb** they are describing.

just	almost/nearly
I have just eaten.	I am almost ready.
Alice has just hung up the call.	I nearly forgot to call my boss.
I just started a video call with my parents.	She nearly missed her colleague's presentation at the conference.
I was just leaving.	I have almost finished my call with Jay.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with one of the adverbs below.

a bit

almost

just

very

1. She felt ill because it was _____ hot in the meeting room.
2. I'll go for lunch with you in five minutes – I've _____ finished this call.
3. Why don't you try being _____ more organised?
4. I can go for lunch now – I've _____ finished my video call with Mason.





What's wrong with the sentence? Correct it!

1. I am just ready.



2. I've almost eaten.



3. We were nearly leaving.



4. He is going later a bit.



5. Will you turn down a little the volume?





Just

**What have you just done, either during the lesson or before the lesson?
For example, have you just eaten? Have you just made some notes?**





Almost and nearly

**Have you ever almost had an argument with someone?
Why did you stop yourself?**





Certainly** and **definitely

- ***Certainly*** and ***definitely*** both mean you are sure about something.
- They come **before the word** they are describing.

certainly	definitely
He certainly forgot about our call.	He definitely forgot about our call.
She will certainly join the meeting late.	She will definitely join the meeting late.
After hearing the sales pitch, they will certainly buy the product.	After hearing the sales pitch, they will definitely buy the product.



Certainly and definitely

**Name something
that you are
certainly good at!**



**What should you
definitely check
before joining a
video call?**



Barely, hardly and scarcely

- ***Barely, hardly, and scarcely*** all mean **a small amount**.
- They come **before the word** they are describing.

barely	hardly	scarcely
You've barely done any work today.	You've hardly done any work today.	You've scarcely done any work today.
I barely had enough time to speak to him.	I hardly had enough time to speak to him.	I scarcely had enough time to speak to him.
We barely prepared for our video conference.	We hardly prepared for our video conference.	We scarcely prepared for our video conference.



Barely, hardly and scarcely

Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

I **hardly** ever go to...

I **barely** notice when...

I **scarcely** remember...



Extremely and completely

- ***Extremely*** means **very much**.
- ***Completely*** means **in every way** or **as much as possible**.
- They come **before** the word they are describing.

extremely	completely
I am extremely tired.	I am completely exhausted.
Video calls are extremely convenient.	They completely forgot about the call.
He is extremely persuasive.	My computer has completely crashed.



Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps with the words on the right.

1. Are you feeling OK? You've _____ said anything since we met up.
2. When she came back from the conference she was _____ exhausted and she slept for two whole days.
3. I'll _____ call you before 1pm.
4. The call was _____ tiresome – we disagreed about everything.
5. I can _____ remember a time before the internet.

completely

extremely

hardly

scarcely

definitely



Discuss

Discuss the questions with your teacher or classmates.



1

Are/were you **completely** satisfied with your current or most recent job?

2

Has your internet ever gone down **completely** at work?

3

Would you find a virtual job interview **extremely** stressful?



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 18

1. hardly/scarcely, 2. completely, 3. definitely, 4. extremely, 5. hardly/scarcely

Exercise p. 10

1. I am nearly ready, 2. I've just eaten, 3. We were just leaving, 4. He is going a bit later, 5. Will you turn down the volume a little?

Exercise p. 9

1. very, 2. almost, 3. a bit, 4. just





Unscramble

A

extremely

every

happy staying

I am

night.

in

B

My

a little

next video

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call



Writing

**Use one of the sentences on the previous page as the beginning of a short story.
Use as many adverbs of degree as you can.**

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Homework answer key

Exercise p. 23

- A. I am extremely happy staying in every night.
B. My next video call is making me a little stressed.



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