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B Adjectives easily confused

Adjective	Example	Meaning
concluding conclusive	<i>It's in the concluding chapter. Do we have conclusive proof?</i>	(of the final chapter/section of sth) ending, showing sth to be definitely true.
tasteful tasty	<i>The room was very tasteful. The soup was very tasty.</i>	(especially of clothes, furniture, etc.) attractive and of good quality. having a pleasant taste (tasteless is the opposite of tasty and tasteful).
naked nude bare	<i>The child was almost naked. She posed as a nude model for Picasso. They walked in bare feet.</i>	not wearing clothes. used to talk about the naked human form in art (in the nude = naked). (of a part of the body) not covered by clothes (bare head/arms/legs).
exhausted exhaustive	<i>He was exhausted after the run. It's an exhaustive investigation.</i>	extremely tired. SYN worn out . extremely thorough and complete.
comprehensive comprehensible SYN intelligible	<i>They gave me a comprehensive list of hotels in the area. It's a clear and comprehensible document.</i>	including all or almost all the facts or details that may be necessary. able to be understood. OPPOS incomprehensible , unintelligible .
invaluable worthless	<i>Her advice was invaluable. That vase is worthless.</i>	very useful or valuable. having no worth or value. SYN valueless .
childlike childish	<i>He has a childlike enthusiasm. Her behaviour is very childish.</i>	APPROVING having qualities typical of a child. DISAPPROVING behaving in a silly way.
negligent negligible	<i>They have proved that the doctors were negligent. The damage was negligible.</i>	FML not taking enough care over sth you are responsible for. so small as to be of no importance.

4 Correct the mistakes. Three sentences have no mistakes.

- 1 In some countries women can't walk around with naked arms. _____
- 2 She was crying just because she lost her pen. That's a bit childlike, isn't it? _____
- 3 Police have carried out an exhaustive search for the missing girl. _____
- 4 He wouldn't give me any money for it – he said it was invaluable. _____
- 5 The police found a nude body in the lake. _____
- 6 The fish dish was very tasty. _____
- 7 Someone has scratched the side of my car, but the damage is negligent. _____
- 8 He used naked models in many of his paintings. _____
- 9 We were completely worn out after all that gardening. _____

5 Complete the adjective in each sentence.

- 1 They've done some research but we'll have to wait for a more *comp* _____ study.
- 2 She still has a *child* _____ quality about her, which is lovely.
- 3 There is no *concl* _____ evidence that Parker was at the scene of the crime.
- 4 They carried out an *exhaust* _____ study into the causes of the disaster.
- 5 All the decor was very *tast* _____ and it created a charming atmosphere.
- 6 The heroine gets killed in the *concl* _____ chapter of the book.
- 7 Anyone could follow her instructions: they were clear and *comp* _____.
- 8 They found that one of the police officers was *negli* _____ in his duties.



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79 I can use different types of adverb

A Commenting

- A I can't believe that Martin still commutes to London every day: it's an awful journey.
- B I know. But **apparently** he really likes his job. And **presumably** he earns a lot more working in London.
- A Yeah, I guess so. But **ultimately** I think he does it for his career, not the money.
- B Well, **to be perfectly honest**, I think he's mad.
- A Yes, it's **obviously** not what we would choose. You want to be able to spend time with your family, **naturally**, and I wouldn't commute to London because ... well, **basically** I'm too lazy. But Martin's different. His career means **practically** everything to him.
- B True. But **strangely enough**, he wasn't all that ambitious when we were at school.



Glossary

apparently	according to what you have heard or read. SYN evidently .
presumably	used to say that you think sth is probably true.
ultimately	finally, when everything has been considered.
to be (perfectly) honest	used when saying what you really think about sth. SYNS frankly , personally .
obviously	used when giving information that you expect other people to know already or agree with. SYN clearly .
naturally	used to say that sth is normal and not surprising. SYN of course .
basically	used when giving the most important fact. SYN essentially .
practically	almost. SYN virtually .
strangely (enough)	used to show that sth is surprising. SYNS oddly/curiously (enough) .

1 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word or phrase that keeps the same meaning.

- Sharon rang a couple of minutes ago. Apparently, the others missed the train. _____
- They said the restaurant was always busy, but surprisingly it was almost empty. _____
- Virtually all the shops were closed when I got into town. _____
- He promised to come, but I would think that he'll turn up later. _____
- We got there early essentially because we weren't sure when it started. _____
- I got her a ticket but, to be perfectly honest, I don't think she's interested. _____

2 Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- I know he won't be happy, but f_____ I don't care what he thinks.
- A_____ we can't get tickets until tomorrow. That's what he told me.
- We can all say what we think, but u_____ it's your decision.
- There are eight of us, so o_____ we'll need two cars.
- We're both chefs, so n_____ we talk about food quite a lot.
- I usually feel nervous before I give a talk, but c_____ e_____ I felt fine today.



B Stating a perspective or viewpoint 🎧

Word	Example	Meaning
commercially	Commercially , the film was a flop, but I really enjoyed it.	= from the point of view of sales or profit. SYN financially . commercial ADJ.
traditionally	Traditionally it was men who went out to work, but that's changing.	= according to past custom. traditional ADJ.
logically	Logically , we should consult a lawyer if there is a legal problem.	= if we are to act sensibly and with sound reasons. logical ADJ. logic N.
socially	Socially , it's good for children to mix with other kids in a playgroup.	= from the point of view of making friends. social ADJ.
realistically	Realistically , people won't give up their cars unless public transport is greatly improved.	= if we are sensible about what can be achieved, we have to conclude that ... realistic ADJ.
officially	Officially , we can't go in until 10 a.m., but they might open earlier.	= according to the rules, or what we have been told. OPP unofficially .
indirectly	The changes aren't aimed at us, but we will be affected indirectly .	= as an additional effect or consequence. OPP directly .
technically	Technically her performance was very good, but I didn't personally enjoy it.	= from the point of view of her technical skill. technical ADJ. technique N.
physically mentally	Physically the work isn't difficult but mentally it's very tough.	= considering the effect on the body. = considering the effect on the mind.
theoretically	Theoretically we could still lose the championship.	used to say that sth could possibly happen or be true, but is unlikely.
as far as sth is concerned	As far as money is concerned , we can manage.	used to give facts or an opinion about an aspect of sth.

spotlight ... speaking

This word can be added to some adverbs when an area of activity is being defined.
Technically speaking, he was good. *Financially speaking*, it was a disaster.

3 Replace the underlined words with a single adverb.

- 1 According to the rules, nobody is allowed in without a ticket. _____
- 2 In terms of the profit we made, the festival was a great success. _____
- 3 In terms of what we can actually achieve, 80 per cent is probably the maximum. _____
- 4 For the good of society this legislation will bring considerable improvements. _____
- 5 In terms of technique, she is very competent. _____
- 6 It's reasonable and sensible that the money should be divided between her sons. _____
- 7 It is possible that we could work on Sunday, but we'd be exhausted. _____
- 8 It's the custom that the festival is held on the last weekend in May. _____

4 Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 As far as the environment is _____, it could be very damaging.
- 2 Physically the job is quite easy but _____ it demands a lot of concentration.
- 3 The job cuts are in a different department but they will affect us _____.
- 4 He's a natural athlete, but technically _____ he still has a lot to learn.
- 5 _____ children sing songs outside people's homes. It happens every year.
- 6 _____ money is concerned, it's been quite successful.



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C Adverbs with different or overlapping meanings

I worked in the tax office **briefly**, but it seemed like **forever**.

I don't know **precisely** how it happened, but I could see she was **truly** sorry about it.

She said she did it **purely** to get experience, but it wasn't **strictly** true.

The restaurant is **invariably** full, but it's **primarily** for tourists.

It wasn't **simply** my fault; we're both **equally** responsible.

Things have changed **somewhat** since I was there, but it's still **relatively** unspoilt.

Glossary

briefly	1 for a short time. 2 in a few words (<i>he explained briefly</i>).
forever	for a long time; for all time (<i>nothing lasts forever</i>).
purely	completely and only (purely by chance). SYN simply .
strictly	exactly and completely (also used to emphasize that sth must happen in all circumstances: <i>Smoking in the lift is strictly prohibited</i>).
simply	just; only (also, absolutely: <i>He was simply brilliant</i>).
equally	to the same degree (also used to introduce a second point which is as important as the first).
precisely	exactly and correctly (also used to emphasize that sth is very true or obvious: <i>He's very young; that's precisely why he needs my help</i>).
truly	sincerely (also used to emphasize a particular quality: <i>a truly remarkable man</i>).
invariably	used to emphasize that sth is always true or always happens.
primarily	mainly. SYNS chiefly , predominantly .
somewhat	fairly; quite (can be used after a verb or before an adjective).
relatively	to a fairly large degree in comparison with sth else.

5 Tick the correct word(s). More than one may be correct.

- 1 It was *relatively* ☐ *strictly* ☐ *somewhat* ☐ unusual, but not that strange.
- 2 She studies physics *simply* ☐ *equally* ☐ *purely* ☐ because she enjoys it.
- 3 I'm not sure she is being *strictly* ☐ *precisely* ☐ *equally* ☐ honest.
- 4 It's not a huge place but it's *invariably* ☐ *relatively* ☐ *precisely* ☐ big.
- 5 He spoke *relatively* ☐ *briefly* ☐ *chiefly* ☐ about his childhood.
- 6 I'm always punctual, but she's *precisely* ☐ *invariably* ☐ *primarily* ☐ late.
- 7 His voice is *simply* ☐ *predominantly* ☐ *truly* ☐ remarkable.
- 8 Camping here is *truly* ☐ *somewhat* ☐ *strictly* ☐ forbidden.

6 Complete the sentences with a suitable adverb.

- 1 She's worked all over the world, but _____ in North and South America.
- 2 I'm unlucky with the weather. It _____ rains when I go on holiday.
- 3 She came to stay with us _____ last year; just for a few days.
- 4 I don't like getting there too early, but _____ I don't want to be late.
- 5 She's doing well now, but her success won't last _____.
- 6 I was _____ sorry to hear about her mother's accident.
- 7 Pavel knows _____ what we need, so he's getting everything.

