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Expectation

At the end of the lesson, you are expected to:

1. Compose clear and coherent sentences using appropriate grammatical structures:
- adverbs of intensity **EN6G-IIc-6.6**

Pre-Test

To measure your knowledge of the concepts that this lesson will develop, do the following activity. Read and follow the directions correctly.

DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct adverb of intensity. Choose the letter of the correct answer.

1. It's _____ cold in Tagaytay City in December so people wear jacket.
A. fairly B. little C. pretty D. very
2. My cousin who resides in Tagaytay City is _____ sure about the clothes to wear during cold season.
A. a lot B. extremely C. little D. quiet
3. The sun is not out today so it's _____ cloudy today in Taal Picnic Grove.
A. almost B. little C. nearly D. too
4. Tourists _____ notice the slight drizzle brought by the gray sky.
A. completely B. hardly C. really D. scarcely
5. Alex, a Canadian is _____ amazed by the Taal Volcano's unique sight.
A. deeply B. positively C. too D. totally
6. I was _____ surprised that Joe got the promotion.
A. less B. most C. much D. somewhat
7. I will earn _____ more money in my new job.
A. barely B. least C. slightly D. somewhat
8. I did _____ in the speaking exam.
A. absolutely B. highly C. positively D. terribly
9. It was _____ hot for me in that room!
A. rather B. really C. somewhat D. too
10. I was _____ devastated when Grandma died.
A. incredibly B. intensely C. perfectly D. utterly

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Looking Back

In the previous lesson, you have learned on how to compose clear and coherent sentence using conjunctive adverbs. This time you will be learning about adverbs of intensity.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentence with the correct conjunctive adverbs. Choose from the words inside the box.

meanwhile	still	however	therefore	hence
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1. Jay did not study; _____ he failed the test.
2. He did not read his notes. _____ he missed a lot of points.
3. Alex, his friend, _____ studied his lessons so he passed.
4. Jay will be given a make-up test, _____ he was disappointed.
5. He wanted to pass the test. _____, Alex is focused on his other lessons.

Brief Introduction

Adverbs of intensity is used to discuss the degree or intensity of an adjective, an action, or another adverb. Adverbs of intensity are important modifiers. It is usually placed before the word they are modifying.

Adverbs of intensity allow you to be very specific when writing or speaking, no matter what the purpose.

Read the following sentences with adverbs of intensity.

1. The visitors were ***almost*** done eating dinner. (modifies verb)
2. Ben liked the cake because it was ***absolutely*** delicious. (modifies adjective)
3. He ate the lechon was ***quite*** slowly to enjoy the flavor. (modifies adverb)
4. The delicious meal was ***highly*** appreciated by the visitors. (modifies verb)
5. Benedict felt ***incredibly*** lucky to be with his friends during the occasion. (modifies adjective)
6. He seemed ***rather*** quiet when I saw him last week. (modifies adjective)
7. He played ***remarkably*** well in the final. (modifies adjective)

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We can separate **adverbs of intensity** into two main types: adverbs that *intensify* the meaning or make it stronger (for example, *very*), and adverbs that *weaken* the meaning, also called “downtoners”, (for example, *slightly*).

1. Weakening the meaning

There are times in English when we want to specifically describe our use of an adjective or adverb. For instance, we may wish to express that we are **quite nervous** or **a bit cold**. This is more exact than just saying *I'm nervous* or *I'm cold*. The adverbs in this category are all used in the same way. The position of the adverb is **before the adjective or adverb**.

The following adverbs all weaken the adjective or adverb and all appear before the adverb or adjective in the sentence: *a bit, fairly, pretty, quite, rather, slightly, and somewhat*.

2. Intensifying the meaning (gradable adjectives)

There are many adverbs that intensify or make the meaning stronger. For grammatical reasons, we need to separate these adverbs into two groups. Our choice of adverb depends on whether the adjective (which the adverb is intensifying) is *gradable* or *ungradable*.

For example, ‘hot’ is a gradable adjective, but ‘boiling’ is ungradable. So, we can say: *It is **very** hot* AND *It is **absolutely** boiling*, but NOT *It is **very** boiling*. The table below gives further examples of gradable and ungradable adjectives and the intensifiers used with them.

Intensifier + gradable adjective	Intensifier + ungradable adjective
Very cold	Absolutely freezing
Extremely tired	Completely exhausted
Really happy	Absolutely ecstatic
Very hungry	Totally starving

The adverbs in this group are always positioned in front of the adjective (which they intensify).

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For example: *He is **extremely** intelligent.*

The following adverbs are intensifiers that can be used with ungradable adjectives: *awfully, extremely, highly, perfectly, remarkably* and *terribly*. These adverbs can also be used to modify an adverb.

For example: *She climbed the mountain **extremely** quickly.*

3. Intensifying the meaning (ungradable adjectives)

Adverbs that intensify an ungradable adjective appear in the same position as other adverbs in this group. They nearly always go **before** the adjective. Note that this group of adverbs **do not modify other adverbs**.

Example: *John was **totally** exhausted.*

The following adverbs are intensifiers that can be used with ungradable adjectives: *absolutely, completely, entirely, totally* and *utterly*.

Mild	Medium	Strong	Absolute
a little	fairly	remarkably	totally
a bit	pretty	awfully	utterly
Slightly	quite	extremely	completely
	rather	highly	absolutely
	somewhat	terribly	entirely
		a lot	perfectly
		really	thoroughly
		incredibly	
		particularly	
		deeply	
		enormously	
		greatly	
		incredibly	
		lots	
		most	

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4. Adverbs that behave differently

There are a few adverbs of intensity that do not neatly fit into the three groups above. The following examples show the position and use of these adverbs.

- **A lot** has a similar meaning to 'very much'. It is used to modify verbs.

For example: *I like playing badminton **a lot**.*

- **Too** can be used as an intensifier, but it has a negative meaning. It means 'more than is acceptable or needed'.

For example: *That costs **too** much.*

- **Enough** is positioned **after** an adjective or adverb, not before it. It means 'to the degree that is necessary'.

For example: *Are you warm **enough**?*

Activities

Activity 1

DIRECTIONS: Read the paragraph. Fill in the blank with the correct adverb of intensity in the parenthesis. The first one is done for you.

1. I feel **a little** tired. (entirely, a little)
2. I go out with my friends _____. (enormously, a lot)
3. I _____ love chocolate cake. (absolutely, enough)
4. I can _____ imagine what it is like there. (deeply, almost)
5. There is an _____ big cut on his leg. (completely, awfully)
6. I _____ understand why you are worried. (awfully, completely)
7. I am _____ grateful to everyone who helped me at that time. (deeply, almost)
8. Did she run quickly _____ to win the race? (absolutely, enough)
9. The film was _____ successful. (enormously, a lot)
10. That is an _____ different situation. (entirely, a little)

Activity 2

DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence. Choose the correct adverbs of intensity inside the box.

1. She did _____ well in the exam.
2. I'm _____ sure I saw Sarah yesterday.
3. She is _____ admired for her work on nuclear physics.
4. It is _____ likely that Sue will get the job.

highly	extremely
greatly	fairly

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rather quite practically perfectly particularly incredibly

5. The exam was _____ difficult.
6. It was a _____ good film.
7. I understand _____ well why he left his job.
8. I think I can score 100% in the Math exam. That is _____ impossible!
9. It was _____ difficult to choose the right present for Sonia.
10. I thought her first novel was _____ good.

Remember

An **adverb of intensity** can modify an adjective, another adverb or a verb.

Adverbs of intensity are used to express the degree or intensity of an adjective, an action, or another adverb. It is an important modifier. It is usually placed before the word they are modifying.

Adverbs of intensity allow you to be very specific when writing or speaking, no matter what the purpose.

Checking Your Understanding

EXERCISE A

DIRECTIONS: Complete each sentence. Choose the correct adverbs of intensity inside the box.

1. She finished the day _____ exhausted.
(a bit / totally)
2. Taylor Swift isn't just a good singer. She's _____ fantastic.
(absolutely / very)
3. The RCBC Tower in Makati is _____ high.
(absolutely / pretty)
4. Villa Escudero is a _____ interesting place.
(quite / rather)
5. That painting of yours is _____ beautiful.
(absolutely / extremely)
6. It was _____ cold this morning.
(a bit / absolutely)

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7. Victoria, in my opinion, is _____ mad.
(completely / highly)
8. My favorite actress looked _____ gorgeous at the Oscars
(absolutely / totally)
9. María is _____ nice.
(absolutely / really)
10. Paris is a _____ pretty town. (quite / rather)

EXERCISE B

DIRECTIONS: Find the ten (10) adverbs of intensity in the puzzle. Use each one in a correct sentence.

H C I G P Y V K H Q K F K V H V F A N D C Y X Z P
P O S I T I V E L Y S S G Y T E B X C T E R L L I
W R V X V F M G G X R V W F Y S S V K E Q P T E L
B X G D A V D L F N H Y Y K O E F O J W O J P B Q
Z T S J W Z Q W J K Z Z R L V N M D M B S W S G T
E N X V Q M X Z M R R K U W M A E C U E V H T C H
U Z Q Q E I O V N U K T O S K S H C E S W J B F D
T L O T P L R Y T W E Y S Q I Z P G T Z G H N R W
Q S D C M F M O W L D M W U H A F U H D Z H A W N
P F O O V C I R Y A Y L E S N E T N I D J I K T T
O H S M B L B K N V J D U L N I H C V K W G Y B T
I L Q R L H A G P C R A H V K P B F C D R H A K D
T P P J O A E M B D A P M A F O M I R L Z L M A O
H X A E O R K J Q K I V N L K E T A O J R Y Q V S
D I S S O I W J S A U M Z R A F V Q O S F K H S U
A K F U C Q U J B F R U L C Z K Q T I S X M Y N K
O U S T Y C A W X Y I T A L M E Z Y K S D L C F F
S L E W D D Q V E F S K S G Y K R Y I I E X Q X G
Y P D R I N S L A Q Y V A Y L I A B B T A K B N E
P B F A C E H X O Q U E L L D V Z W E B H C R V L
K T R P A M A N W J S K E D R R O L E B S S W L G
T J U I V D Q P O K X T W V A L P K J U Y L D J G
B W E X A Q Z C U U A M H N H M U J L J G E L J G
Y L E M E R T X E V N K F A O M X U F G L G K X Y
R Z K B E P D F K U Y S W C D B M B W J D H R V N

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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EXERCISE C

DIRECTIONS: Complete the paragraph by writing the correct adverb of intensity. Choose from the words inside the parenthesis.

I am (1.) _____ (**awfully, highly**) fond of my sister's vacation house in Baguio City. It is (2.) _____ (**somewhat, absolutely**) perfect inside and out, and I feel (3.) _____ (**incredibly, utterly**) at home when my friends and I are visiting. The exterior of the house is built (4.) _____ (**entirely, rather**) of stone. My favorite part of the house is the library or reading room. Yes, my sister has her own small library at home because she reads a lot, and she loves collecting books. She has the complete set of The Game of Thrones, The Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter Books 1-7 and The Hunger Games Trilogy. Oh I (5.) _____ (**really, very**) love the room and I wish I could stay there forever. The library is (6.) _____ (**rather, very**) cold from December to February just like the rest of the house. I (7.) _____ (**slightly, totally**) love sitting and reading in the library with my friends while drinking hot cup of chocolate.

The newly renovated entertainment room has been under construction for (8.) _____ (**quite, pretty**) some time, but the looks of things, it seems to be (9.) _____ (**nearly, periodically**) finished. The house (10.) _____ (**surely, particularly**) cost a lot of money but its (11.) _____ (**pretty, incredibly**) reasonable.

EXERCISE D

DIRECTIONS: Read the following phrases. Use each one in a correct sentence.

1. Almost complete _____
2. Absolutely insane _____
3. Awfully wrong _____
4. Badly needed _____
5. Barely seen _____
6. Completely disgusting _____
7. Deeply connected _____
8. Enormously huge _____
9. Extremely dangerous _____

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10. Highly motivated _____
11. Fully developed _____
12. Perfectly fine _____
13. Purely imagination _____
14. Terribly irresponsible _____
15. Barely speaking _____

Post-Test

DIRECTIONS: Choose the correct adverb of intensity to complete the sentence. Write the letter of the correct answer.

1. I thought her first novel was _____ good.
A. fairly B. little C. pretty D. rather
2. He played _____ well in the finals.
A. a lot B. extremely C. remarkably D. quiet
3. I will earn _____ more money in my new job.
A. almost B. little C. nearly D. slightly
4. I was _____ surprised that Joe got the promotion.
A. completely B. hardly C. really D. somewhat
5. I _____ believe animals should not be exploited.
A. deeply B. positively C. strongly D. totally
6. What happened to Dany was _____ sad.
A. less B. most C. much D. terribly
7. I _____ approve of loans for students.
A. barely B. least C. slightly D. thoroughly
8. That box is _____ high up to reach.
A. absolutely B. highly C. positively D. too
9. Paul's behavior was _____ unreasonable.
A. rather B. really C. somewhat D. totally
10. That party was _____ fantastic!
A. incredibly B. intensely C. perfectly D. utterly

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Answer Key

Pre-Test

1. D
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. C
8. D
9. B
10. D

Looking Back

1. Hence
2. Therefore
3. However
4. Still
5. Meanwhile

Activity 1

1. a little
2. a lot
3. absolutely
4. almost
5. awfully
6. completely
7. deeply
8. enough
9. enormously
10. entirely

Activity 2

1. extremely
2. fairly
3. greatly
4. highly
5. rather
6. quite
7. practically
8. perfectly
9. particularly

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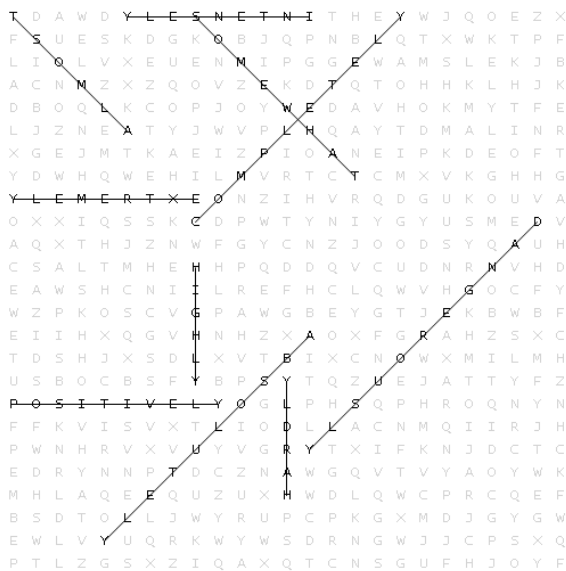
10. incredibly

Checking Your Understanding

EXERCISE A

1. totally
2. absolutely
3. pretty
4. rather
5. absolutely
6. a bit
7. completely
8. absolutely
9. really
10. quite

EXERCISE B



absolutely
dangerously
highly
somewhat
almost

extremely
intensely
completely
hardly
positively

- Sentences may vary.

EXERCISE C

1. awfully
2. absolutely
3. incredibly

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4. entirely
5. really
6. very
7. totally
8. quite
9. nearly
10. surely
11. pretty

EXERCISE D Answers may vary.

Post-Test

1. D
2. C
3. D
4. D
5. C
6. D
7. D
8. D
9. D
10. D

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