

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Modifiers

1 Read the phrases and **circle** the options that have the same meaning.

- 1 absolutely wrong
a **totally wrong** b a little wrong
- 2 fairly nice
a extremely nice b quite nice
- 3 a lot more difficult
a a bit more difficult b far more difficult
- 4 a bit bigger
a a little bigger b far bigger
- 5 extremely tired
a quite tired b really tired
- 6 pretty far
a rather far b extremely far

2 Look at the information from a price comparison website. Are the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false)?

Product	Price	Stars
EXCLU JEANS	180 €	★★★★★
WRIGHT BROTHERS JEANS	150 €	★★★★
BASIC CO JEANS	20 €	★

- 1 Exclu jeans are extremely expensive. **T**
- 2 Wright Brothers jeans are rather cheap. **F**
- 3 Exclu jeans are far more expensive than Basic Co jeans. **T**
- 4 Basic Co jeans aren't really cheap. **F**
- 5 Wright Brothers jeans are a bit cheaper than Exclu jeans. **F**
- 6 Basic Co jeans are quite expensive. **F**

3 **Circle** the correct options.

- 1 These trousers aren't 'quite' baggy. They're *rather* / **extremely** baggy!
- 2 Your watch was a bit more expensive than mine, but it's *a little* / *far* better! It's fantastic!
- 3 I'm *quite* / *really* hungry but I'm not very hungry.
- 4 The weather was a *bit* / *far* hotter than we imagined. It was a big surprise.
- 5 Mike's *quite* / *really* generous. I think he's the most generous person I know.
- 6 I'm *fairly* / *totally* sure that the shop's closed today, but perhaps I'm wrong.

4 Complete the conversation with the missing words. **Circle** the correct options.

- A How was your holiday in San Sebastian?
B Only ¹ _____ good, I'm afraid.
A So, not ² _____ fantastic?
B No. The weather was ³ _____ terrible. It rained all the time!
A Oh dear! What about the food? I've heard it's fantastic over there – ⁴ _____ better than the food in the UK!
B Yes, it was ⁵ _____ delicious! I think it was ⁶ _____ more expensive than the UK, but my dad said the prices weren't too bad.

- 1 a totally **b fairly** c far
- 2 a a lot b quite c absolutely
- 3 a really b a bit c rather
- 4 a totally b far c a little
- 5 a absolutely b pretty c a lot
- 6 a far b quite c a bit

5 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use the modifiers from this page.

- 1 Living in my home town is _____.
- 2 My family is _____.
- 3 For me, buying clothes is _____.
- 4 When I compare English and maths, I think English is _____.
- 5 In my opinion, football is _____.
- 6 When I compare drinking water or cola, I think _____.