

# Adverbs of Degree

- Adverbs of degree are a specific type of adverb that modify adjectives, verbs and other adverbs to indicate the **intensity, extent or degree** of an action or quality.
- They help provide more precise information about how much or to what extent something is happening.



## Example

Is the soup **salty**?  
 The soup's a **little salty**.  
 It's not **very salty**, but it's **saltier** than I like.

## Example

How does he **drive**?  
 He **drives terribly fast**.  
 He **drives very fast; too fast** for me.



- We often use **a little** and **terribly** to describe something that is not pleasing.
- Quite** and **rather** are synonyms but **rather** is more formal and is used for negative things or surprisingly positive things

**Exercise 1.** Choose the best adverb of degree from the options to fill in the blank in each sentence. Write the adverb on the line.

- The math homework is \_\_\_\_\_ long tonight. **It has 50 problems to solve.**
  - very
  - quite
  - a little
  - terribly
- My new classmate is \_\_\_\_\_ shy in group discussions. **She hardly speaks at all.**
  - extremely
  - rather
  - quite
  - a little
- The school library is \_\_\_\_\_ quiet during exam week. **You can hear a pin drop.**
  - very
  - really
  - rather
  - extremely

4. This history book is \_\_\_\_\_ interesting for beginners. **It explains events simply but engagingly.**

a) quite      b) a little      c) terribly      d) rather

5. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ tired after studying all night. **I can barely keep my eyes open.**

a) really      b) very      c) extremely      d) quite

6. The science experiment was \_\_\_\_\_ easy to set up. **It only took five minutes.**

a) a little      b) rather      c) quite      d) very

7. Our teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ strict about deadlines. **She never accepts late work.**

a) extremely      b) terribly      c) really      d) rather

8. The campus cafeteria food is \_\_\_\_\_ cheap for students. **A full meal costs just \$5.**

a) quite      b) very      c) a little      d) rather

9. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ nervous before presentations. **My hands shake a bit.**

a) a little      b) terribly      c) extremely      d) really

10. The online class was \_\_\_\_\_ boring yesterday. **Many students fell asleep.**

a) terribly      b) quite      c) rather      d) very

11. My backpack is \_\_\_\_\_ heavy with all these textbooks. **It weighs over 10 kg.**

a) really      b) extremely      c) quite      d) a little

12. The English vocabulary list is \_\_\_\_\_ short this week. **Only 10 words to learn.**

a) rather      b) very      c) a little      d) terribly

13. Group projects can be \_\_\_\_\_ fun with good teammates. **We laugh a lot while working.**

a) quite      b) really      c) extremely      d) rather

14. The exam results were \_\_\_\_\_ disappointing for me. **I got a low score despite studying.**

a) terribly      b) a little      c) very      d) quite

15. This notebook is \_\_\_\_\_ useful for note-taking. **It has organized sections and tabs.**

a) very      b) rather      c) extremely      d) a little

16. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ excited about the school trip. **We've been planning it for months.**

a) really      b) quite      c) terribly      d) extremely

17. The lecture hall is \_\_\_\_\_ cold in winter. **Everyone wears coats inside.**

a) extremely      b) very      c) rather      d) a little

18. Studying abroad sounds \_\_\_\_\_ challenging at first. **You have to adapt to a new culture.**

a) rather      b) quite      c) terribly      d) really

19. My dorm room is \_\_\_\_\_ small for two people. **There's barely space to move.**

a) a little      b) extremely      c) very      d) rather

20. The professor's explanation was \_\_\_\_\_ clear today. **I understood everything perfectly.**

a) quite      b) really      c) terribly      d) very

**Exercise 2.** Match each question on the left [1-15] with the correct answer on the right [A-O]. Each question has only one correct answer.

1. Is the coffee hot this morning? ____	A. Yes, Anna's quite happy about her new job.
2. Is Mike nervous before his job interview? ____	B. Yes, the movie is terribly boring.
3. Is the weather cold today? ____	C. Yes, the coffee's very hot this morning.
4. Is Sarah excited about her birthday party? ____	D. Yes, Mike's a little nervous before his job interview.
5. Is the bus late again? ____	E. Yes, the room's extremely clean after tidying.
6. Is Anna happy about her new job? ____	F. Yes, the music's rather loud at the party.
7. Is the room clean after tidying? ____	G. Yes, Sarah's really excited about her birthday party.
8. Is the music loud at the party? ____	H. Yes, the exercise is quite difficult for beginners.
9. Is the book interesting to read? ____	I. Yes, the weather's extremely cold today.
10. Is John hungry after exercising? ____	J. Yes, the book's very interesting to read.
11. Is the exercise difficult for beginners? ____	K. Yes, the soup's terribly hot right now.
12. Is the movie boring? ____	L. Yes, the bus is rather late again.
13. Is Lisa sleepy in the morning? ____	M. Yes, John's extremely hungry after exercising.
14. Is the park busy on weekends? ____	N. Yes, Lisa's a little sleepy in the morning.
15. Is the soup hot right now? ____	O. Yes, the park's really busy on weekends.