

VOCABULARY

ADVERBS AND ADJECTIVES

1 Put the adjectives in the correct column.

excited fascinating fortunate fresh
hazardous magnificent remote stunning
terrifying tiny tranquil unspoilt

gradable

ungradable

2 Choose the correct options.

- The mountains of Tibet looked *extremely* / *utterly* magnificent in the light of the setting sun.
- It was a *fairly* / *completely* hazardous journey to the top, but we survived.
- Our professor was a *bit* / *absolutely* furious when he discovered that none of us had read his book.
- In spite of the occasional electricity pylon, the countryside was *reasonably* / *a bit* unspoilt.
- You will find it *extremely* / *completely* impossible to cross the border without the necessary documents.
- The feeling you get when you first see the Grand Canyon is *very* / *totally* unique.

3 Does the adverb *quite* make the adjective *S* (stronger) or *W* (weaker)?

- My friend didn't enjoy the flight, but I found it **quite** exciting. _____
- Her performance on stage that night was **quite** magnificent. _____
- Unfortunately, it was **quite** impossible to get tickets for the performance. _____
- It's **quite** interesting to see your home town from a height of 10,000 metres. _____
- The online reviews for this package holiday were **quite** negative, but we enjoyed ourselves. _____
- I was **quite** astounded to receive a bill from your magazine, two years after I cancelled my subscription. _____

4 Complete the rules with *strengthens* or *weakens*.

- quite* + gradable adjective _____ the adjective.
- quite* + ungradable adjective _____ the adjective.

5 Choose the correct adverbs to complete the sentences.

- Her style is _____ unique. No one else dresses like her.
A totally B perfectly C deeply
- I was _____ proud of myself when I finished the race. I never thought I could do it.
A fully B genuinely C highly
- That animal is _____ unusual. Look at its nose.
A fully B deeply C highly
- I am _____ aware that the journey will be quite hazardous.
A actively B fully C utterly
- The whole country remains _____ committed to environmental sustainability.
A perfectly B a bit C deeply

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 1

6 Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.



JOB: TOUR LEADER

Working as a tour leader is an increasingly (0) *popular* option, especially among young graduates looking for a fun job before embarking on a more serious career path. Some see it as getting paid to go on holiday.

But do not be deceived. Tour leading for a travel company is very much a proper job, involving a great (1) _____ of hard work. Indeed, it can lead to a life-long career in an industry full of (2) _____ committed professionals.

A tour leader's hours are long. As you are responsible for your clients, it is perfectly (3) _____ to be on call 24/7. (4) _____ you are leading a group of walkers in the Pyrenees or doing a cultural tour of European cities, you can be (5) _____ certain something will go wrong at some (6) _____ – and you will have to deal with it.

(7) _____ if you decide not to stay in the business, tour leading is excellent training for a future career in that it is likely to significantly (8) _____ your people-handling and problem-solving skills.

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| 0 A favourite | B popular | C fantastic | D general |
| 1 A deal | B load | C extent | D pile |
| 2 A richly | B warmly | C deeply | D sharply |
| 3 A ordinary | B simple | C usual | D normal |
| 4 A Either | B Whether | C Wherever | D However |
| 5 A absolutely | B actively | C strongly | D fully |
| 6 A step | B section | C detail | D point |
| 7 A Even | B Although | C Yet | D Still |
| 8 A raise | B enhance | C heighten | D thrive |

EXAM TIP

Check if the options collocate with any of the words surrounding the gap.