

ADVERBS

1. Match the adverbs with the adjectives and verbs to form collocations.

Adverbs	Adjectives	Adverbs	Verbs
1 bitterly	a unlikely	6 deeply	f hope
2 highly	b clear	7 distinctly	g regret
3 perfectly	c disappointed	8 eagerly	h await
4 sorely	d impossible	9 fully	i remember
5 virtually	e tempted	10 sincerely	j understand

2. Complete the emails with one of the adverbs collocations from the previous activity.

To: Mr Madsen

From: Mr Fielding

Dear Mr Madsen,

Please find attached the manuscript of my first novel entitled *Deep Space 17*.

I ¹_____ that you find it as exciting to read as I found it to write. As you are the foremost fiction publishers in the country, I am anxious to hear your opinion as soon as possible, although I ²_____ that you may take up to six weeks to respond. However, I am so confident of my novel's appeal that I think you will find it ³_____ to turn down!

I ⁴_____ your speedy reply.

Yours sincerely,
N.R. Fielding

To: Mr Fielding

From: Mr Madsen

Dear Mr Fielding,

Thank you for your manuscript.

I'm afraid it is ⁵_____ that your novel would ever be considered for publication by any publisher. Unfortunately, your work is not remotely original. In fact, I ⁶_____ watching a Hollywood blockbuster with exactly the same storyline.

Yours sincerely,

A. Madsen



MADSEN PUBLISHING

To: Mr Madsen

From: Mr Fielding

Dear Mr Madsen,

I must confess that I was ⁷_____ at first when I received your reply. However, it is now ⁸_____ to me that your company is unable to appreciate rare new talent such as mine. I am ⁹_____ to complain in the press about this poor treatment. I have no doubt that you will ¹⁰_____ your decision when my novel is a great success.

Yours sincerely,
N.R. Fielding

3. Complete the conversation with the correct adverb from the box.

sure / surely easy / easily right / rightly
hard / hardly late / lately

Jo It's nearly midnight! Why are you working so ¹ _____ again?

Mike Oh no, is that the time? I'm not finding it ² _____ to finish this article. And the deadline for the paper is midnight.

Jo It's always the same. Work's taken over your life. You've ³ _____ spent any time with me or the children ⁴ _____!

Mike You're ⁵ _____. I'm really sorry. But you know our paper is under pressure at the moment. I'm grateful not to have been made redundant like so many others.

Jo I know. But it means you have to work twice as ⁶ _____ these days. ⁷ _____ your newspaper bosses can see that it isn't good for any of its employees?

Mike The paper quite ⁸ _____ thinks that it will be much worse for its employees if more of us are out of work!

Jo Is it as bad as that? But Mike, you're such a good writer, I think you'll ⁹ _____ find another job.

Mike Well, I'm not so ¹⁰ _____ about that.