

Vocabulary: Values

Adverb + adjective combination

1 Complete sentences 1-11 with the words in the box.

Integrity - pioneering - responsibility - unity - excellence - merit - competence - diversity - equality - dignity - respect - tolerance - mutual cooperation

1. _____ in the workforce means we have a wide range of skills and experience to draw upon.
2. Tim Berners-Lee was the _____ force in the development of the Internet.
3. It is our _____ to make sure our production process has minimal impact on the environment.
4. In spite of their differences, the board displayed public _____ at their last press conference.
5. All staff promotions are based on _____ - it's about an individual's _____ rather than length of service.
6. _____ between the two countries has increased trade in recent years.
7. Our company has very strong moral principles - _____ is key.
8. We have strict regulations against discrimination in order to ensure _____ for all our employees.
9. Employees should show _____ and understanding towards colleagues with different points of view.
10. Our ultimate goal is to achieve _____. We do our job the best we can possibly do it.
11. Our work environment promotes mutual _____ so that all employees can maintain their _____ at work.

2 Choose the adverb in *italics* that can't be used in each sentence.

1. A rise in interest rates would be *comparatively/potentially/significantly* disastrous.
2. The negative figures for the last quarter are *potentially/profoundly / surprisingly* worrying.
3. Fortunately demand has remained *comparatively/irretrievably/relatively* stable.
4. The growth in demand for new hybrid cars has been *potentially/relatively/unexpectedly* rapid.
5. Since the negative publicity over the recent share issue, media reports have become *appreciably/noticeably/relatively* more hostile.
6. Even if the allegations aren't true, their effect is *comparatively / irretrievably/potentially* damaging for the company.
7. Disposable income across the population as a whole is *irretrievably /noticeably/significantly* different from even a year ago.
8. It's a fact that we are now finding it *potentially/increasingly/relatively* difficult to find skilled workers prepared to work for these wages.