

1 Read the conversations and choose the correct alternatives.

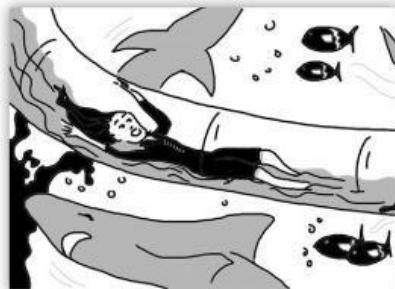
A: Hey, listen to this. According to this travel article, there's a hotel in Las Vegas where you can take a slide through an aquarium of sharks!

B: Are you ¹quite/bitterly sure that's a good idea?

A: Yeah, it sounds ²pretty/very amazing, doesn't it?

B: Umm, to be ³completely/barely honest, I think it sounds ⁴absolutely/nearly terrifying.

A: I guess we have ⁵entirely/virtually different tastes in what we think is fun, then!



A: I got ⁶somewhat/essentially emotional at the play I saw last night.

B: Really? What was it about?

A: The power of friendship. It was ⁷totally/deeply unique, because it was performed in sign language.

B: That must have been ⁸completely/fairly difficult to understand.

A: Actually, it was fine. The actors were ⁹seriously/totally talented and they had subtitles on a screen, like in a film.

B: Wow. Sounds mesmerising.

A: Yeah, the whole thing was ¹⁰quite/very brilliant.



A: You won't believe it, but the wifi in the flat is down again! I'm ¹¹absolutely/perfectly sick of this.

B: Really? I was ¹²pretty/absolutely hopeful it would stop happening after the engineer came.

A: It seems to happen every time I have an assignment. I'm ¹³barely/nearly capable of meeting the deadlines as it is.

B: Look, what we need to do is ring the helpline.

A: Not again! You know it's ¹⁴virtually/very impossible to get through at this time of day.

B: It's worth a try though, isn't it?

A: I'm ¹⁵rather/essentially sceptical myself. Feel free to try, though.



2 Work in pairs. Practise the conversations.

3 Work in pairs. Have a conversation about one of the topics below. Use adjectives with modifiers where possible.

- a place that you think is quite amazing
- something you think is absolutely ridiculous
- something you find utterly terrifying
- a film, show or book that was deeply moving
- whether you think people should be completely open about their opinions

A: *What's a place you've been that was absolutely amazing?*