

## LANGUAGE IN ACTION

### Modifiers

1 Read the phrases and **circle** the options that have the same meaning.

- 1 absolutely wrong  
a **totally wrong**      b a little wrong
- 2 fairly nice  
a extremely nice      b quite nice
- 3 a lot more difficult  
a a bit more difficult      b far more difficult
- 4 a bit bigger  
a a little bigger      b far bigger
- 5 extremely tired  
a quite tired      b really tired
- 6 pretty far  
a rather far      b extremely far

2 Look at the information from a price comparison website. Are the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false)?

Product	Price	Stars
EXCLU JEANS	180 €	★★★★★
WRIGHT BROTHERS JEANS	150 €	★★★★
BASIC CO JEANS	20 €	★

- 1 Exclu jeans are extremely expensive. **T**
- 2 Wright Brothers jeans are rather cheap. **F**
- 3 Exclu jeans are far more expensive than Basic Co jeans. **T**
- 4 Basic Co jeans aren't really cheap. **F**
- 5 Wright Brothers jeans are a bit cheaper than Exclu jeans. **F**
- 6 Basic Co jeans are quite expensive. **F**

3 **Circle** the correct options.

- 1 These trousers aren't 'quite' baggy. They're *rather* / **extremely** baggy!
- 2 Your watch was a bit more expensive than mine, but it's *a little* / *far* better! It's fantastic!
- 3 I'm *quite* / *really* hungry but I'm not very hungry.
- 4 The weather was a *bit* / *far* hotter than we imagined. It was a big surprise.
- 5 Mike's *quite* / *really* generous. I think he's the most generous person I know.
- 6 I'm *fairly* / *totally* sure that the shop's closed today, but perhaps I'm wrong.

4 Complete the conversation with the missing words. **Circle** the correct options.

- A How was your holiday in San Sebastian?  
B Only <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ good, I'm afraid.  
A So, not <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic?  
B No. The weather was <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ terrible. It rained all the time!  
A Oh dear! What about the food? I've heard it's fantastic over there – <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ better than the food in the UK!  
B Yes, it was <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ delicious! I think it was <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ more expensive than the UK, but my dad said the prices weren't too bad.

- 1 a totally      **b fairly**      c far
- 2 a a lot      b quite      c absolutely
- 3 a really      b a bit      c rather
- 4 a totally      b far      c a little
- 5 a absolutely      b pretty      c a lot
- 6 a far      b quite      c a bit

5 Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use the modifiers from this page.

- 1 Living in my home town is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 My family is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 For me, buying clothes is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 When I compare English and maths, I think English is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 In my opinion, football is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 When I compare drinking water or cola, I think \_\_\_\_\_.