

100 Adverbs

A Commenting

A I can't believe that Maurice still **commutes** to London every day – it's an awful journey.

B I know. But **apparently** he really likes his job. And **presumably** he earns a lot more working in London.

A True. **Ultimately** though, I think he does it more for his career than the money.

B **Fair enough.**

A **Frankly**, I think he's mad.

B I don't **entirely** agree with you.

A **Basically** that is where we are different. For us family life is more important, but for Maurice, his career means **practically** everything to him.

B Yes, I know. **Strangely**, he wasn't all that ambitious when we were at school.

GLOSSARY

commute	travel regularly by train, car, etc. between your home and your place of work commuting <i>n</i>
apparently	according to what you have heard or read SYN evidently
presumably	used to say that you think sth is probably true
ultimately	finally; when everything has been considered
fair enough <i>inf</i>	used to say that an idea or suggestion seems reasonable
frankly	used to show that you are saying what you really think about sth SYN to be (perfectly) honest
entirely	in every way possible; completely: <i>I entirely agree. It's entirely different.</i>
basically	used when giving the most important fact SYN essentially
practically	almost SYN virtually
strangely (enough)	used to show that sth is surprising SYN oddly (enough), curiously (enough)

1 Circle the correct answer(s). Both answers may be possible.

- 1 He promised to come, so **apparently** / **presumably** he'll turn up later.
- 2 The boys are coming home **basically** / **essentially** because they've run out of money
- 3 The class are consulted but **ultimately** / **curiously** the teacher makes the final decision.
- 4 Others disagree, but **entirely** / **frankly** I thought it was an excellent idea.
- 5 We're expecting **virtually** / **practically** everyone to be there.
- 6 I don't know if the books will help us but **practically** / **apparently** we have to read them.

2 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word or phrase that keeps the same meaning.

- 1 Sian rang a couple of minutes ago. Apparently, the others missed the train.
- 2 They said the restaurant was always busy, but surprisingly it was almost empty.
- 3 Virtually all the shops were closed when I got into town.
- 4 There are various options, but in the end we will have to see what is most practical.
- 5 We got there early essentially because we weren't sure when it started.
- 6 I got her a ticket but frankly, I don't think she's interested.
- 7 I thought Will's comments were quite reasonable.
- 8 Entry is free, so it's likely they will all be here.

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 we can't get tickets until tomorrow. That's what he told me.
- 2 Max wanted to talk about salaries as well, but that's an different matter.
- 3 She said she'd come if she can finish work early. ~ OK, that's
- 4 I know he won't be happy, but I don't care what he thinks.
- 5 I usually feel nervous before I give a talk, but I felt fine today.
- 6 I know they missed yesterday's class but they'll be here today.
- 7 The bar is usually very busy, but today it was empty.
- 8 I try to help the boys but they are responsible for their actions.

4 ABOUT YOU Would you be prepared to spend more than two hours a day commuting to work if it gave you the opportunity for a better job and more money? Write your answer, or talk to another student.



B Multiple meanings

I briefly¹ worked in the tax office.

I briefly² explained the concept to him.

She said she came to my training session purely out of interest, but that wasn't strictly¹ true.

Smoking is strictly² prohibited in here.

I don't know precisely¹ how it happened, but I could see she was truly¹ sorry about it.

He's very young; that's precisely² why he needs my help.

She was a truly² remarkable woman.

The restaurant is invariably full, but it's primarily for tourists.

Do go and see the play: the acting was simply¹ brilliant.

He explained the rules simply² and clearly.

GLOSSARY

briefly	1 for a short time 2 in a few words
concept	an idea or principle that is connected with sth abstract
session	a period of time that is spent doing a particular activity
purely	completely and only: <i>purely by chance</i>
strictly	1 exactly and completely 2 used to emphasize that sth must happen in all circumstances
precisely	1 exactly and correctly 2 used to emphasize that sth is very true or obvious
truly	1 sincerely 2 really
invariably	used to emphasize that sth is always true or always happens
primarily	mainly <i>syn chiefly, predominantly</i>
simply	1 used to emphasize a statement <i>syn absolutely</i> 2 in a way that is easy to understand

5 Replace the underlined word(s) with another word that keeps the same meaning.

- I did it only for the money.
- He is sincerely sorry.
- Her view was exactly the same as mine.
- He's mainly vegetarian.
- I went there for a short time.
- He is always late.
- Gravity is a difficult principle to understand.
- I do about three forty-minute periods of activity in the gym each week.
- What I said wasn't exactly and completely true.

6 Circle the correct answer(s). More than one may be possible.

- She studies physics *chiefly* / *invariably* / *purely* because she enjoys it.
- I'm not sure she is being *strictly* / *precisely* / *briefly* honest.
- I was in town and met her *invariably* / *primarily* / *purely* by chance.
- He spoke *purely* / *briefly* / *chiefly* about his childhood.
- I'm always punctual, but she's *precisely* / *invariably* / *primarily* late.
- His voice is *simply* / *predominantly* / *truly* remarkable.
- Camping here is *truly* / *purely* / *strictly* / forbidden.
- He explains the procedure *simply* / *purely* / *strictly*, so you know exactly what you have to do.

7 Complete the sentences with a suitable adverb.

- They do sell some records, but it's a bookshop.
- I'm unlucky with the weather. It rains when I go on holiday.
- She came to stay with us last year – just for a few days.
- I care about them. That's why I'm always worried if they're late.
- They talked about the holiday and didn't say much.
- I was sorry to hear about her mother's accident.
- Pavel knows what we need, so he's the best person to do the job.
- We didn't have time to go back and help; it was impossible.
- We stayed in the same hotel by chance.
- Fishing is forbidden along this part of the river.

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