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** *n*
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 *inf*	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 entirely agree. It's entirely different.***
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.**

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B Multiple meanings

I **briefly**[1] worked in the tax office.

I **briefly**[2] explained the **concept** to him.

She said she came to my training **session purely** out of interest, but that wasn't **strictly**[1] true.

Smoking is **strictly**[2] prohibited in here.

I don't know **precisely**[1] how it happened, but I could see she was **truly**[1] sorry about it.

He's very young; that's **precisely**[2] why he needs my help.

She was a **truly**[2] remarkable woman.

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

Do go and see the play: the acting was **simply**[1] brilliant.

He explained the rules **simply**[2] 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: ***purely by chance***
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 SYN **chiefly, predominantly**
simply	**1** used to emphasize a statement SYN **absolutely** **2** in a way that is easy to understand

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

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

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

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

7 Complete the sentences with a suitable adverb.

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

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