

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct modifier to complete the sentences.

- Our trip was *a bit* / *a complete* dull. The weather was bad and there wasn't much to see.
- After walking all day, we were *very* / *really* exhausted.
- I enjoyed the film but it was *quite* / *a bit* too long.
- The old house seemed *very* / *absolutely* strange.
- It was *quite* / *a bit* sunny so we had a picnic.
- The house was *very* / *absolutely* enormous so there was plenty of room for everyone.
- I *fairly* / *hardly* noticed Sheila. She was so quiet.
- The film was *too* / *really* exciting. I loved it!

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2 Choose the correct modifier to complete the sentences.

- My car's _____ old so I might have to get a new one soon.
a little b pretty c completely
- Everything went wrong. It was a _____ nightmare.
a slight b fairly c real
- There were _____ no people on the beach.
a really b hardly c almost
- Buying that dishwasher was a(n) _____ waste of money!
a complete b bit c absolutely
- The hotel has _____ any facilities to speak of.
a almost b fairly c hardly
- We have _____ of a problem. All the shops are closed today.
a a lot b a bit c a complete
- I've got a _____ cold. I'll be OK in the morning.
a fair b bit c slight
- We _____ didn't get there on time.
a almost b real c complete

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3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- cut / I / months / my / haven't / for / had / hair
I _____
- You / down / those / should / get / cut / trees
You _____
- cancelled / driving / I've / my / just / had / licence
I've _____
- my / need / fixed / to / I / get / bike
I _____
- the / to / We're / repainted / going / fence / have
We're _____
- ears / Have / pierced / you / had / ever / your / ?
Have _____
- Terry / his / stolen / had / car / has / again
Terry _____
- old / you / taken / get / armchairs / the / Did / away / ?
Did _____

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4 Complete the sentences with one word from the box in each space.

deserted dump efficient filthy isolated
muddy overlooks overwhelming stunning
unbearably

- After three days of rain, the fields were really _____ and we had to wear rubber boots.
- The students' flat was a bit of a _____. Nobody had cleaned it for months.
- She lives in an _____ farmhouse on a small island, far away from any towns or villages.
- From the top of the mountain, the view was _____. We could see the whole valley.
- The island was _____. Nobody lived there during the winter.
- We like the _____ service at the Hotel Grand. The staff do a really good job.
- August in Dubai is _____ hot. You can hardly breathe outside.
- The friendliness of the people was _____. When they gave us gifts, I started to cry.
- The children had fallen into the pond. Their clothes were _____ and it took ages to clean them.
- My bedroom _____ a lovely park. It's such a nice view in the morning.

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5 Complete the idioms with one word. The first letter is given.

- My sister is always taking the m_____ out of me. She laughs at me all the time.
- Simon is good fun in s_____ doses, but he talks so much that he does get boring after a while.
- Jo and Carl are struggling to make e_____ meet. Neither of them earn very much.
- I've done all I can. The b_____ is now in Anna's c_____. She'll have to decide what to do.
- At first, when I started this job, I didn't know what to do. But now I'm starting to find my f_____.
- I had to pay for everybody's meal at the restaurant. As a result, I'm out of p_____.
- Florian sees life through r_____ coloured glasses. Things aren't as good as he thinks they are!
- The new sofa cost an a_____ and a l_____, but we really like it.

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6 Complete the sentences with the missing prepositions.

- Don't forget to pick _____ Jasmine at the airport. Her flight arrives at two.
- All our employees take pride _____ their work. That's why we get good results.
- Stop gazing _____ of the window and do some work!
- I need to sort _____ all my old clothes. I'm sure that a lot needs to be thrown away.
- I've slaved _____ at this course book for months. I really need a holiday.
- It took Julie a week to get _____ the flu. She really felt very unwell.

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