

Even holidays are stressful: Intensifying Adverbs

1. Choose the correct options to complete the text.

The Black-hole Château

The château is (1) utterly / exquisitely / totally located in (2) beautifully / fully / totally kept gardens and extensive wooded grounds. The spacious rooms are (3) well / magnificently / extremely comfortable, (4) tastefully / absolutely / utterly furnished and most (5) fully / importantly / well are (6) tastefully / completely / well quiet. The entire complex is (7) extremely / fully / exquisitely accessible for wheelchair users and all staff speak French, German and English.

At the Black-hole Château we believe that holiday breaks are to be savoured and should be (8) completely / beautifully / tastefully stress free. Your holiday is (9) well / beautifully / utterly earned and we aim to allow you every opportunity to unwind and recharge your batteries. Black-hole Château is (10) totally / beautifully / importantly cut off from the outside world. There are no televisions, computers or other screens on the premises and our slogan is 'slow food, slow stay and slow down'.

2. Complete the sentences about the hotel with the correct adverb.

1. Our stay was extremely / such relaxing in every way.
2. We felt completely / beautifully rejuvenated when we returned.
3. Throughout our stay we barely / always saw or spoke to any of the other guests.
4. Every meal was freshly / incredibly cooked to order.
5. A substantial amount of produce is locally / so sourced.
6. Utterly, / Amazingly, I didn't miss the technology I thought I couldn't live without.
7. Intelligently / Expertly trained riding and golfing coaches made learning fun.
8. All amenities were also completely / very wheelchair accessible, I was happy to find.

3. Match the adverbs with the adjectives to make common combinations.

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| 1. absolutely | a. sociable |
| 2. blissfully | b. growing |
| 3. naturally | c. busy |
| 4. rapidly | d. clear |
| 5. horribly | e. happy |

4. Use the adverb-adjective combinations from Exercise 3 to complete the sentences.

1. After a wonderful week we reluctantly said goodbye and returned to our _____ lives.
2. We don't want any more misunderstandings. Is that _____?
3. Being _____ makes her the perfect choice to work with customers.
4. Our _____ international reputation is down to word-of-mouth.
5. We notice how people arrive very stressed and leave _____.

**To me,
you're
absolutely
perfect.**

GRAMMAR EXTRA: Time expressions

Complete the sentences with these time expressions. Use the context to help.

already - finally - just - last - now - recently - tomorrow - yesterday - when - while

1. I've only _____ met him.
2. I saw him _____ I was waiting for the train.
3. I haven't spoken to him _____. The last time was nearly three weeks ago.
4. I phoned him _____ but he wasn't at home.
5. I'm meeting him for coffee _____.
6. I'm looking at him _____. He's sitting in the corner.
7. _____ I see him, I'll tell him you're looking for him.
8. I _____ saw him a month ago.
9. After spending nearly an hour looking for him, I _____ found him waiting at reception.
10. I've _____ seen him twice today.

PRONUNCIATION: Stress with intensifying adverbs

Underline the words you think will be stressed. Then listen and check your answers.

1. Although he was nervous, he delivered the presentation incredibly calmly.
2. After the sales team had used it for a year, it was utterly ruined.
3. He learned the skills fantastically quickly.
4. The spare parts are readily available in most electronics stores.
5. We discovered this place accidentally on the way back last year.

Highly probable



Success is **highly** probable.

Deeply worried



I'm **deeply worried** about you.

IT'S HOMEMADE,
CHEAP AND
READILY
AVAILABLE.