

QUITE - RATHER - ENOUGH - FAIRLY - PRETTY - VERY

Video (3:05 min): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrWQjohAKC0&pbjreload=10>

Quite – Rather – Fairly – Pretty – Very

- **Quite** (= fairly, to some degree) is used in favourable comments. *He's quite good at geography.* **Quite** is used before *a/an*. *He's quite a good football player.* **Quite** (= completely) is used with adverbs, some verbs and adjectives such as: amazing, brilliant, certain, dreadful, different, exhausted, horrible, impossible, perfect, right, sure, true, useless, etc. *I'm quite sure she will come with us.*
- **Rather** is used in unfavourable comments. *He's rather bad at tennis.* It can also be used in favourable comments meaning "to an unusual degree". *The lecture was rather interesting. (more interesting than we expected).* **Rather** is also used with comparative degree. *My MP3 player was rather more expensive than yours.* **Rather** is also used before or after *a/an*. *It's a rather warm summer.* or *It's rather a warm summer.*
- **Fairly/Pretty** are synonymous with **quite** and **rather**. They are used after *a*. *She's a fairly/pretty good actress.*
- **very** + adj/adv of positive degree. *He is very careless with his things.*

Ex.1

Choose the correct word. ...

- 1 It will take me **pretty/rather** a long time to finish painting the house. ...
- 2 Bill had a **quite/pretty** good reason for being late for school, as the bus had broken down. ...
- 3 We were **quite/rather** exhausted after we climbed to the top of the mountain. ...
- 4 Although organic foods cost **pretty/quite** a lot, they are probably better for your health. ...
- 5 The price of the meal was **rather/quite** higher than we had expected. ...
- 6 He is a **pretty/quite** good singer. ...
- 7 It's **rather/pretty** a cold day, so take a jacket with you. ...
- 8 Shirley is **quite/rather** bad at chess. ...
- 9 It was **quite/pretty** a surprise to see them again. ...
- 10 Are you **rather/quite** certain the film doesn't start until nine o'clock? ...
- 11 The band played **quite/rather** better this time than at their last performance. ...
- 12 My new laptop was **quite/rather** more modern than his. ...

Ex.2

Write in: *quite, enough, rather.*

1. I haven't got _____ flour to make this cake.
2. I've got _____ money to buy this dress.
3. It's not my business! I've got _____ problems!
4. He managed to do it! It was _____ incredible!
5. His new job is well-paid, but _____ noisy with all those machines.
6. I found the water _____ cool this afternoon at the swimming pool.
7. It was _____ expensive to go to Sydney, but quite a good idea!
8. We eat too much, we drink too much, and we don't run _____.
9. I _____ understand you having resigned from this exhausting job.
10. This exercise was _____ easy, wasn't it?
11. In our team, we play _____ well.
12. I could not believe what had happened. It was _____ amazing.
13. The people I work with are _____ unfriendly.
14. Tom must go on a singing tour soon. He has _____ a good voice.
15. John is a hard worker but he is _____ slow.
16. It is well -paid but it is _____ a hard job.
17. We _____ understand what you are feeling.
18. Italy was the ideal place for our romantic holidays. It was _____ wonderful.
19. I have been told a strange ghost story. It is _____ incredible.
20. What you are suggesting is _____ impossible. I am sorry.
21. The teacher's explanation was _____ interesting. This time I understood everything!